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In Shorts

Sukhbir Badal attacked, narrow escape

Chandigarh: A person tried to shoot Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday when he was serving as a sevadar outside the Golden Temple. It is being told that Badal was sitting on a wheelchair at the time of the attack and the bullet hit the wall. Badal narrowly escaped the attack. The accused has been identified as Narayan Singh Chaura. As soon as he took out the gun to kill Sukhbir, some people standing outside the Golden Temple caught him. However, during this time the bullet was fired and it hit the wall. After the incident, Punjab Police also issued a statement saying that the accused has been arrested. The police is investigating the case from every angle.



Rahul Gandhi returns from Ghaziabad border

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that Uttar Pradesh Police stopped his convoy at Ghazipur border, blocking his planned visit to violence-hit Sambhal. The Congress leader said that the police denied him his constitutional right to meet the affected people. Rahul Gandhi said that he is ready to leave his convoy and go to Sambhal alone with the police. He said that the officials had asked him to return after a few days. Rahul told reporters that we are trying to go to Sambhal, but the police are refusing, not letting us go. As the Leader of Opposition, it is my right to go, but they are stopping me. I was ready to go alone and with the police, but they did not approve of this either.



Pakistani cartridges used in Sambhal Violence! There was a stir after finding Pak shells

Pakistan: Forensic examination of the weapons used in the Sambhal violence has revealed that the criminals had used Pakistan-made bullets to attack officers. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shrish Chandra said that examination of five empty shells and two misfired cartridges recovered from Kot Garvi in Sambhal revealed that they were produced by Pakistan Ordnance Factory (POF). Violence broke out in Sambhal town of Uttar Pradesh on November 24 after a court order of a mosque. Four people were killed and several police officers were injured in the clash. Police had earlier said that at least 41 rounds of bullets were fired during the clash. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the incident sought the help of forensic experts. During the 90-minute search, they found two cartridges. One had POF 9mm 68-26 written on it and the other had a 12-bore cartridge with Winchester Made-in-USA written on it. The discovery of Pakistan-made ammunition shows the gravity of the matter. "The police are conducting a thorough investigation and working to identify those involved in the violence," Sambhal SP Krishan Kumar Bishnoi said. Meanwhile, the SIT is investigating to nab the culprits behind the violence.

CM Hemant Soren gets big relief from High Court, Jharkhand High Court stays MP-MLA court



Ranchi

Chief Minister Hemant Soren has got a big relief from Jharkhand High Court. The Chief Minister will not have to appear in person in the MP-MLA court in the case of disobeying the ED summons. Actually, in this case, the MP-MLA court had ordered Hemant Soren to appear in person on December 4. This decision was challenged in the High Court. On behalf of the CM, advocates Piyush Chitresh and Dipankar Rai presented their side in the court of Judge

Anil Kumar Chaudhary. At present, the High Court has stayed the order of the MP-MLA court and fixed the next date of hearing on December 16. Advocate Dipankar Rai has given this information to ETV Bharat. He told that the High Court has asked the ED to file a reply. Actually, in the case of disobeying the ED summons, the MP-MLA court had asked him to appear in person. A petition was filed on behalf of the CM requesting exemption from personal appearance. Which was rejected by

CM attended the shrama karma of the father of the Chief Justice of the High Court



Ranchi. Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday paid tribute to the departed soul by attending the shradha karma of the late father of Jharkhand High Court Chief Justice MS Ramachandra Rao and former Supreme Court judge late M Jagannath Rao. He said that Marang Buru should grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear the hour of grief. Along with this, he congratulated and wished all the countrymen including the brave brave naval soldiers and their families, the symbol of indomitable courage, bravery and valor, on Indian Navy Day.

the MP-MLA court on November 26 and ordered physical appearance on December 4. Earlier, the hearing of the case of disobeying ED summons was going on in the CJM court. The CJM had transferred the case to the MP-MLA court. Let us tell you that on February 19, a complaint was filed by the ED against Hemant Soren in

People from various districts of Jharkhand met the CM



Ranchi. People from various districts of the state met Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex located at Kanke Road Ranchi. The people who came to meet congratulated and wished CM Hemant Soren. During this, people also informed the Chief Minister about their problems. The Chief Minister listened to the problems of the people and assured them that our government is committed to solving public problems.

the CJM court. The ED argued that summons were issued to Hemant Soren 10 times for questioning in the land scam case. But he appeared for questioning before the agency on January 20 on the 8th summons and on January 31 on the 10th summons. Hence, the remaining eight summons were disobeyed.

Rakesh Tikait was going to Noida for Mahapanchayat, police detained him, warned to take out tractor rally till Lucknow

Lucknow

UP Police on Wednesday detained farmer leader Rakesh Tikait in Aligarh. Meanwhile, Tikait threatened that if the government did not respond to him by this evening, he would start a tractor rally till Lucknow. The farmers were marching demanding proper compensation for their land acquired by the government, but the police stopped them near Dalit Prerna Sthal, after which they sat on a dharna there.



Tikait said that we do not know where they are taking us. If they do not find a solution, we will start a tractor rally from here to Lucknow. We will wait for the government's response till this evening. Police on Tuesday arrested more than 160 protesting farmers, including Bharatiya Kisan Parishad president Sukhbir Yadav 'Khalifa', who were protesting at 'Dalit Prerna Sthal' in Noida. Protesters, who had gathered in Gautam Buddha Nagar from various parts of Uttar Pradesh on Monday on the call of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), had

threatened to resume their march to the national capital if their demands were not met within a week. Condemning the police action, the SKM said it was a violation of the constitutional rights to peaceful protest and urged the judiciary to intervene. In a statement, the farmer group claimed that the police have arrested hundreds of farmers, including over a hundred women, and forcibly evicted them from the protest site. The SKM alleged that the police have violated the consensus reached with the farmer leadership on December 2, in which the Uttar Pradesh chief secretary was asked for seven days to discuss and resolve the demands.

Big relief to construction workers of Delhi, 'AAP' government will give 8000 rupees

New Delhi

The Aam Aadmi Party government of the capital has provided a big relief to the construction workers of Delhi. The Delhi government has announced to give 8 thousand rupees to these workers. Actually, the rules of Grape 4 are applicable in Delhi. Due to high pollution and increasing air quality level in Delhi, construction work is closed here, due to which the workers are unemployed and they are also facing difficulties in running their house. In such a situation, a meeting of the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board was held. In this meeting, a decision was taken to provide financial assistance to the unemployed construction workers. Let us tell you that after the necessary verification, the workers engaged in construction work will be given 8000 rupees. This assistance amount will be given to the workers in the account



linked to their Aadhar card. More than 90 thousand registered workers will benefit According to the information, about 90 thousand registered workers will benefit from this. Let us tell you that after the implementation of Grape 4 rules in Delhi, construction work has been stopped since November 18. Earlier, on December 5, the Supreme Court had directed to give subsistence allowance to the workers engaged in construction work. Workers will have to show their certificate to avail this benefit.

Fadnavis, Shinde and Ajit Pawar met the Governor, staked claim to form the government

Mumbai

After being elected as the head of the BJP Legislature Party, Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar met Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. These leaders met the Governor and staked claim to form the government in the state. Devendra Fadnavis was unanimously elected the leader of the Maharashtra BJP Legislature Party on Wednesday, paving the way for him to take oath as Chief Minister for the third time. After meeting the Governor, Devendra Fadnavis said that we have met the Governor and submitted a letter of support to stake claim to form the government in the state. The Governor has invited us for the swearing-



in ceremony at 5.30 pm tomorrow. Fadnavis further said that alliance partners Shiv Sena and NCP have requested the Governor to administer the oath as Mahayuti CM and the Governor accepted all the requests and invit-

ed everyone for the swearing-in ceremony at 5.30 pm tomorrow. He said the posts of CM and DCM are just technical posts. We will all work together for Maharashtra. The decision on other ministers will be taken in the upcoming meetings. Sources said Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and NCP's Ajit Pawar will take oath as deputy chief ministers at a ceremony to be held in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the sprawling Azad Maidan in south Mumbai on Thursday. At a legislature party meeting held at the Vidhan Bhavan on Wednesday, former Gujarat CM and BJP's central observer Vijay Rupani announced that Fadnavis (54) has been unanimously elected the leader of the BJP legislature party.

Indian stock market flying high, BSE market cap crosses Rs 450 lakh crore

Mumbai: Due to the ongoing boom in the Indian stock market, the market cap of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has once again crossed Rs 450 lakh crore. Both Sensex and Nifty have given a return of more than 4 percent for the last three trading sessions. During this period, the market cap of BSE has increased by more than 10 lakh crores. At present, the market cap of all the companies listed on BSE is more than Rs 454 lakh crore. The Indian stock market is also witnessing a boom in Wednesday's trading session.



The market remains broadly bullish. Bank Nifty is leading it At 12:33 pm, the Sensex was up 163 points or 0.20 percent at 81,008 and the Nifty was up 29 points or 0.13 percent at 24,487. Stocks like HDFC Bank, Persistent Systems, Info Edge (Naukri), Dixon Technologies, Oberoi Realty, PB Fintech (Policybazaar), Caplin Point Laboratories, eClerx Services, Affle (India), Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals and Kenes Technology India are trading close to their all-time highs. The market remains broadly bullish. Bank Nifty is leading it. It is currently up 361 points or 0.68 per cent at 53,054. Market experts said, "The signals from the market are a bit confusing.

Winter Session: Bangladesh issue raised in Parliament

Opposition uproar over farmers Ruckus created by MPs of several constituent parties of the opposition alliance India over Adani Group

New Delhi On the eighth day of the winter session, the proceedings in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha resumed at 11 am on Wednesday. Both the houses functioned normally today. However, there was also uproar from the opposition over some issues. Union

Minister Piyush Goyal introduced the Boiler Bill, 2024 in the Rajya Sabha to replace the Boiler Act, 1923. On Wednesday, both the Houses of Parliament witnessed relatively smooth proceedings during the Question Hour. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar informed the



Rajya Sabha on the recent withdrawal of troops from the LAC and said that there are signs of improvement in India-China relations. At the same time, the central government said that no proposal to change the retirement age of employees is under consideration. Opposition

MPs demonstrated in the Parliament premises over the Adani case. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Wednesday that every railway passenger in the country is given a subsidy of 46 per cent on travel tickets. While answering supplementary questions during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, he also said that the Railway Ministry spends an amount of Rs 56,993 crore every year on subsidies for passengers. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday containing provisions to integrate the Indian Railway Board Act of 1905 with the Railway Act of 1989 and said that its passage will increase the capacity of the railways. Vaishnav introduced the Railway Amendment Bill, 2024 in the House for discussion and passage.

News In Brief

Cyclist injured in bike accident dies during treatment

Chakradharpur: On the night of 22 November, 52-year-old Kunwar Babu Rai, a resident of Chakradharpur, who was injured after being hit by a motorcycle, died during treatment at Sadar Hospital. The police took the body into their custody and handed it over to the family after conducting a post-mortem at Sadar Hospital. It was told that on the night of 22 November, Kunwar Babu Rai was returning home on a bicycle after selling milk, when a bike rider hit the cyclist near the railway overbridge and the driver fled leaving the bike.

34-year-old youth who went to Bihar for army recruitment goes missing

Gumla: 34-year-old Prakash Tirkey of Bhaladam Chatti of the block left for Danapur in Bihar on 22/11/24 for army recruitment and participated in the recruitment on 24/11/24, after which he talked to his sister on phone on 29/11/24. The youth went missing while coming from Patna to Gumla. And his phone is not reachable. The youth's mother Patreshia Tirkey today came to Mazdoor Sangh Pradesh and Gumla District Office regarding the entire matter and submitted a written application and appealed for help in finding her missing son. In this entire matter, Mazdoor Sangh Secretary Jumman Khan said that our team will try its best to find the missing youth. We will inform our Patna team about this entire matter. And will try to find him.

Trishanu Rai nominated as State General Secretary of Congress Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organisation

Chaibasa: Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organisation is a platform to build national consciousness regarding transfer of power to people at the grassroots level by expanding people's participation and their political opportunities in Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies. RGRPS was established by Sonia Gandhi in the year 2007 as a part of the Indian National Congress to work with PRIs and urban local bodies.

MLAs held in-depth discussion with DC on development security and public interest issues of the district

DN ■ Barkagaon

Sadar MLA Pradeep Prasad, Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary and Mandu MLA Nirmal Mahato alias Tiwari Mahato paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy Commissioner DC on Wednesday. During the meeting, in-depth discussion was held on the increasing crime in the district, progress of development projects, and regional problems. All the MLAs gave suggestions on the major problems of their respective areas and possible plans for solution. Sadar MLA Pradeep Prasad, emphasizing the need for improvement in the health sector, raised the issue of upgrading Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College and Hospital. He said that Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College is the main health institution of the district. It is our priority to equip it with better medical equipment, adequate doctors and advanced infrastructure. This will enable the people of the district to get high quality health services. He expressed concern over the delay in health services and inconven-



ience to the patients and appealed to fix it soon. Along with this, Mr. Prasad expressed deep concern over the increasing crime in the district. He told the DC that strengthening law and order in the district should be a priority. Increasing crimes not only pose a threat to the safety of the public but also hamper development works. The administration has to take strict measures to control

crime. He especially demanded immediate action on women safety and organized crimes. Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary put forth the problems of his area in detail before the DC. He said that lack of basic facilities like roads, water and electricity is still a big problem in Barkagaon area. Development projects are going on at a slow pace, due to which the people of the area are facing problems. He also pointed out the shortage of teachers in primary schools and slow progress of irrigation schemes. Mr. Chaudhary urged the DC to complete the development works at a fast pace. Mandu MLA Nirmal Mahato alias Tiwari Mahato, while sharing the problems of his area, said that there is a need to increase employment opportunities in Mandu area, improve irrigation schemes for agriculture and connect villages to main roads. He expressed concern over the increasing unemployment in the area and migration of youth. Mr. Mahato said that the problems of the area can be solved only

by giving priority to development schemes. DC Nancy Sahay listened to all the MLAs seriously and assured that the administration will take immediate steps to solve these problems. She said that the administration is fully committed to strengthen law and order in the district, upgrade health facilities and speed up development projects. Schemes will be implemented by giving priority to the suggestions of public representatives. This meeting was a positive effort of coordination between the administration and public representatives for the development and public welfare of the district. All the MLAs and the administration together resolved that every possible effort will be made to provide better facilities to the people of the district. Sadar MLA Pradeep Prasad, while talking to journalists, said that we discussed controlling the increasing crime in the district and upgrading the facilities of Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College. Public safety and better health services are our priority etc.

Nilesh Kumar Sahu became the coach of Senior National Jharkhand Freestyle Men's Team

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Jharkhand Freestyle Men's Wrestling Team left Ranchi for Bengaluru, Karnataka today for Senior National Wrestling Competition 2024 Nilesh Kumar Sahu became the coach of Senior National Jharkhand Freestyle Men's Wrestling Team 2024 Senior National, Men's Freestyle/Greco Roman and Women's Freestyle National Wrestling Competition which is being organized in Bengaluru, Karnataka from 06 to 08 December 2024, Jharkhand's freestyle wrestling players, including 10 players and 1 coach, left today to participate in this wrestling competition. On the selection of



Nilesh Kumar Sahu, Gumla District Wrestling Association President Sanjay Kumar Singh, Gumla District Wrestling Association Vice President Lal Chandrashekhar Nath Shahdev, Aditya Sahu, Angad Vinayak Rakesh Kumar, Sandeep Soni, Rahul Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Deepak Kumar, officials of various sports associations and sports-players and sports lovers congratulated him.

On the occasion of Disability Day the Deaf and District Legal Services Authority organized a program in Silam School

DN ■ Gumla

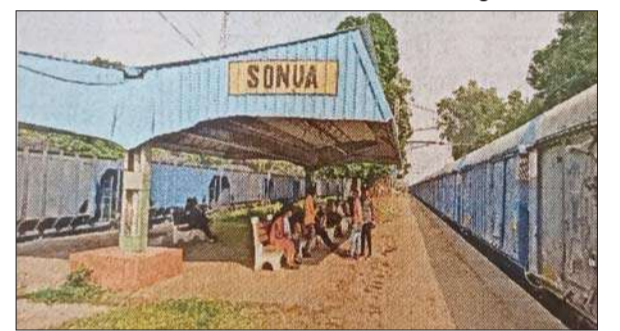
On the occasion of World Disability Day, the Deaf and District Legal Services Authority Gumla organized a program in Silam School, where the Honorable District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman District Legal Services Authority Gumla Shri Dhruv Chandra Mishra addressed all the disabled children on the occasion of World Disability Day today and said that all the disabled children have been given divine power by nature, if they study well, they will become good citizens in the future. DDC Shri Dileshwar Mahato also addressed the disabled



children and said that children should study hard, disability will not become an obstacle in their success, today disabled people are working on big posts. A competitive examination was organized by the school in which prizes were distributed among the winning children by the Chief District Judge, Deputy Development Commissioner and the guests present and the disabled children presented

dance and music which mesmerized everyone. Juvenile Justice Board Chairperson Reema Kumari distributed packets of sweets to all the children. Secretary District Legal Service Authority Shri Ram Kumar Lal Gupta, Juvenile Justice Board Chairperson Reema Kumari and members, former member Permanent Lok Adalat Gumla Shri Shambhu Singh School Principal and teachers.

Construction work could not be done due to lack of machines in 5 hours of mega block



DN ■ Chakradharpur

In Chakradharpur Railway Division, work of foot over bridge was to be done in Chakradharpur and Sonawa railway station by taking a 5 hour mega block on Tuesday. For this, four pairs of express and MEMU trains running on this route were canceled due to the mega block. While three express trains were rescheduled, the work of foot over bridge could not be done in Chakradharpur and Sonawa railway station. According to the information received from the railway, a big crane was needed for the work of launching the new foot over bridge in Sonawa railway station, which could not reach here, due to which the work could not be done today. Now soon the construction work will be done again by taking a mega block on some other day.

Ghaghra police recovered the body of an unknown person an atmosphere of fear among the villagers



DN ■ Gumla

Ghaghra police recovered the body of an unknown person from Semla village of Ghaghra police station area. The body was eaten by wild animals and dogs, half of the body below the waist. The police took the body in custody and sent it to Gumla Sadar Hospital for postmortem. Looking at the condition of the body, it seemed that he had died about four days

ago. The body of the said person was thrown in the mustard field with the intention of hiding it. There is doubt whether it is murder or something else. There is an atmosphere of fear among the villagers. However, the police is investigating the matter. When asked about this to the police station in-charge Tarun Kumar, he said that the said unknown person had died about four days ago.

A wild elephant trampled a youth in the village and seriously injured him, referred to Chaibasa Sadar Hospital for better treatment

DN ■ Chakradharpur

A person seriously injured by a wild elephant attack was admitted to Manoharpur Community Health Center on Wednesday morning. After the doctors there gave first aid to the seriously injured person, he was referred to Sadar Hospital Chaibasa for better treatment. This incident happened on Tuesday late night around 10 o'clock. Shambhunath Singh, a 35-year-old man of the village, was seriously injured in an attack by a wild tusker in Ganju Tola of Bahda village under Anandpur Podahat forest range. According to the information received about this incident, at the time of the incident, he was going towards his paddy field with a companion from Chilam Tola of another village. During this time, a wild tusker attacked him. Seeing the attack, his companion managed to



escape from there. While the elephant kicked him and made him fall on the ground. And crushed him with his feet. Due to which his right waist bone broke. Somehow he escaped from the elephant and hid in a safe place. On getting information about this incident, the villagers along with his family members reached the spot and picked up the seriously injured person and

brought him to the village. On getting information about this incident, the forest department personnel admitted the seriously injured victim to Manoharpur Community Health Center for treatment. Along with this, his family members were immediately given Rs 20,000 in cash. Apart from this, the forest department has assured to give compensation and provide better etc.

In a one-sided match of inter-district under-14 Pakur team defeated Saraikela Kharsawan by 10 wickets

DN ■ Chakradharpur

In the match played on Wednesday in JSCA inter-district under-14 cricket tournament, Pakur defeated Saraikela Kharsawan by 10 wickets in a one-sided match. In the match being played at Shahid Telaga Khariya Stadium of the district headquarters, Saraikela-Kharsawan team batting first was reduced to a meager score of 76 runs. Jaikummar scored 25, Aman Mishra 19 and Arpan Kumar scored 11 runs for the team. Sumit Singh took four wickets for 12 runs in 8 overs for Pakur. Devnath Bhagat took two wickets and Abhinav Bhagat took one



wicket. On the other hand, chasing the target, Pakur team registered an easy victory in 11 overs without any loss, thanks to the half-century innings of 54 runs by captain Sumit. Specially present in the prize distribution District Cricket Association President Dr. Arun Oraon rewarded Player of the Day

Sumit Singh of Pakur for his excellent performance with bat and ball by giving him five thousand rupees in cash and a trophy. On this occasion District Cricket Association Secretary Jitendra Singh, TRDO Ronit Singh, umpire Ramesh Kumar, Prashant Kumar, scorer Shashi Bhushan Mishra.

A uniform annual holiday schedule should be published on time so that the holidays can be availed on time

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Amin Ahmed, Central General Secretary of Jharkhand State Urdu Teachers Association said that the decision of JCERT to publish a separate holiday schedule for the notified Urdu schools and general schools of the state from the coming year 2025 is welcome. This decision will definitely prove to be a better step in the interest of education and students studying in Urdu and general schools of the state. In the uniform annual holiday schedule-2024 for all categories of government / government aided schools issued last year by your letter no. 604, dated 05/04/2024, proper attention was not paid to many important festivals of the state, due to which it had an adverse effect on various categories such as primary, secondary and higher secondary schools. It is necessary to mention here that students of different religions study in all categories of schools in the state, which are associated with different festivals. Similarly, teachers also have faith in different festivals. It is known that the uni-



form annual holiday schedule for the year 2024 was published by JCERT at the end of February, due to which many difficulties were faced in reconciling the holidays of two months January and February 2024. In view of this, Jharkhand State Urdu Teachers Association has submitted a memorandum to the Director of JCERT and drawn attention to the following suggestions in determining a uniform annual holiday schedule for the coming year 2025 for all categories of schools, so that the shortcomings that arose earlier are not repeated. A copy of the memorandum has also been given

to the Secretary, School Education and Literacy Department as well as Deputy Director, JCERT. Seven suggestions given: 1. In a uniform annual holiday schedule, winter holidays should be abolished and adjusted for other important festivals or summer holidays. 2. Instead of winter holidays, summer holidays should be extended for at least 17 days. 3. One day holiday for Shab-e-Barat and Chehlum should be given to all categories of schools including Urdu schools. 4. Alvida Juma (last Friday of Ramzan month) holiday should be fixed on one day for all categories of schools. 5. On the lines of Holi and Durga Puja, at least three days holiday should be fixed for Eid and Bakrid and two days holiday for Muharram in Urdu schools. 6. Two days holiday should be given for Eid and Bakrid in general schools as well. 7. At least two days holiday should be given for Sarhul and Christmas, the two most important festivals of Sarna and Christian religion followers of Jharkhand. The Union's Central General Secretary Amin Ahmed.



50 workers of Jharkhand will return home on the initiative of the Chief Minister

DN ■ Ranchi

On the initiative of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who is sensitive towards the workers and laborers of Jharkhand, once again the process of bringing back 50 Jharkhandi workers stranded abroad to their homes and villages has been started. All the workers will return to Jharkhand from 11 to 18 December. The necessary paperwork for this has been completed.

If the elections had not affected, the workers would have been in their homes by now

The State Migrant Control Room received a complaint on 24 September 2024 about 70 workers of Jharkhandi workers stranded in Malaysia's Leadmaster Engineering and Construction Company. It was told that the workers' salary is pending for four months, they are facing problems of non-availability of food and return to the coun-



try. By the time the Chief Minister came to know about the matter, the code of conduct for the elections was implemented, after which the process of their return had slowed down, but after the elections are over and the new government is formed, the way for the workers to return to their homeland has been cleared. Out of 70 workers, 50 are from Jharkhand and the rest are from other states.

Eight months' salary was received
According to the information, the salary of all the workers was fixed as per the contract of 1,700 Malaysian Ringgit (currency/rupee), but they were being given only 1,500 Ringgit, which was also being deducted. Food facility was not provided and threats were also being received. Regarding this, the workers also lodged a complaint with the Malaysian Police.

Jharkhand will experience bone-chilling cold, temperature will drop by 3-5 degrees Celsius

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand will experience bone-chilling cold this year. The Meteorological Department has also alerted people about this. There is a possibility of a drop in temperature by three to five degrees Celsius in the coming days. During this time, light to moderate fog will prevail in the morning. Later the sky will clear. There will be fog or mist in the morning on December 6 and 7. Later the sky will clear.

The effect of cold will be visible within the next two days

According to the Meteorological Department, the effect of cold will be visible within the next two days. The temperature will also drop. There will be a drop in temperature in East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Saraikela-Kharsawan



and Simdega. At the same time, there is a possibility of a drop in temperature by three to five degrees Celsius in the remaining areas of the state within the next three days.

Fog will prevail in the capital Ranchi

According to the Meteorological Department, there will be light fog in the morning in the capital Ranchi on December 5. Later the sky will

clear. On December 5, the maximum temperature in the capital Ranchi is expected to be 27 degrees Celsius and the minimum temperature is expected to be 10 degrees Celsius. The highest temperature in the state was recorded at 29.4 degrees Celsius in Jamshedpur. While the minimum temperature was recorded at 9.8 degrees Celsius in Garhwa.

News In Brief

Bedo-Khunti road will be made two lane, notice to the farmers for land acquisition

Ranchi: Bedo-Khunti road will be made two lane. National Highway Ministry, Government of India has approved it and has issued notice for land acquisition from farmers. National Highway 143AG will be made a two lane, paved shoulder road. This road goes from Bedo to Khunti for about 37 km. Its widening and reconstruction will greatly benefit the entire area. Currently this road is single, on which thousands of vehicles travel daily. Often vehicles get stuck due to the narrowness of the road at many places. Khunti District Land Acquisition Officer has been asked to complete the hearing of all the parties before land acquisition and pay appropriate compensation.

Massive fire due to short circuit in Lalji Hirji Road, panic

Ranchi: A massive fire has broken out in a building in Lalji Hirji Road located at Sarjna Chowk in the capital Ranchi. It is said that the fire broke out due to short circuit. After this fire incident, there is an atmosphere of chaos at the spot. After getting information about the matter, the fire department team has reached. The fire vehicle is trying to extinguish the fire at the spot. **National campaign program organized against gender based violence in Kisko**

Lohardaga: National campaign against gender based violence has started from 25th November and will continue till 23rd December. Here, a program was organized near the block headquarters under the aegis of Child Development Project Kisko. On the occasion, mainly women supervisor Sushana Linda, Sabiha Jannat, Rosa Bada and workers of various Anganwadi centers from the office of Child Development Project Kisko participated. Here, while addressing the program, the speakers said that there is a need to run publicity and awareness campaign among the people to end gender based violence. He said that there should be discussion and contemplation on violence.

Take action on the incident of harassing a woman on the charge of witchcraft: Babulal



DN ■ Ranchi

BJP state president Babulal Marandi called the incident of harassing a tribal woman on the charge of witchcraft in Ranchi unfortunate and condemnable. Babulal wrote in a post on his X handle that the incident of harassing a tribal woman in Ranchi by accusing her of witchcraft

is unfortunate and condemnable. Ranchi police should take legal action against the culprits in the related case and provide proper assistance to the victim tribal woman. Babulal has also urged the CM to direct the officials in this matter so that such incidents with women do not happen again.

JSSPS launches vaccination for its cadets

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand State Sports Promotion Society (JSSPS) has launched vaccination for the health of its cadets. An initiative has been taken to provide human papillomavirus vaccination to young players, which aims to protect them from future health problems. HPV vaccination, which is helpful in preventing many types of cancer, especially cervical cancer. Is an important health safety measure for the youth. JSSPS is prioritizing the health of its cadets by making this vaccination available to them. So that they can focus on their sports journey without any worry.

This initiative reflects a conscious and pioneering



approach

This initiative reflects the conscious and pioneering approach of JSSPS towards health. Which not only cares about excellence in sports but also the overall well-being of the player. In today's competitive era where physical and mental health is the key to success. The inclusion of health safety measures like HPV vaccination

leads the players towards a strong and healthy future. This step of JSSPS is not only beneficial for their cadets but also sets a positive example for other sports organizations. It shows how important health is in the sports sector so that our players can be fully fit mentally and physically and achieve success in their sports career in future.

Ranchi DC met the Governor, discussed law and order and other topics



DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi DC Manjunath Bhajantri met Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. According to the information, the Governor took information from the DC on the law and order of the city and other topics. Raj

Bhavan has described it as a courtesy meeting. After the meeting, Ranchi DC shared a post on his official X handle. Ranchi DC wrote that today he had a courtesy meeting with His Excellency Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhavan.

Baghwar Academy Defeats Sharda Global Ranchi by 150 Runs in a One-Sided Match

DN ■ Ranchi

December 4, 2024 (Wednesday): In a league match of the Venture Skill Under-16 Cricket Tournament held at Shakha Ground, Ranchi, the Baghwar Cricket Academy team secured a dominant victory over Sharda Global School, Ranchi, by 150 runs and advanced to the next round. Baghwar Academy won the toss and opted to bat first. The team's batsmen justified their captain's decision by delivering an aggressive performance against the Sharda Global School bowlers. Baghwar Academy posted a massive total of 284 runs in 34.3



overs, losing all their wickets. All-rounder Abhishek Mahli played a brilliant knock of 86 runs off just 50 balls, including 15 fours and a six. Another all-rounder, Harshit Nayan, contributed 68 runs with the bat and took 6 wickets, earning the "Player of the Match" award. Batsman Himanshu Mahli also

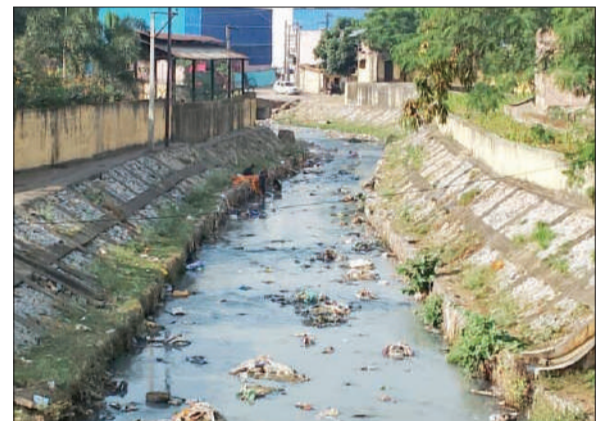
made a vital contribution of 51 runs. Chasing a daunting target of 284 runs, Sharda Global School's team was bowled out for just 134 runs in 29.2 overs. Ayush Kumar Dubey was the top scorer for the team with 31 runs, followed by Mohammad Sajjad with 23, Akash Pandey with

15, and Arya Bharti with 13 runs. None of the other batsmen could reach double digits. Baghwar Academy's bowlers displayed an exceptional performance. Harshit Nayan bowled a remarkable spell, taking 6 wickets for 29 runs in 6 overs. On the other hand, Sharda Global School's bowler Anmol Kumar claimed 4 wickets for 34 runs in 6 overs, while Manme Pandey took 3 wickets for 43 runs in 5 overs. The Director of Baghwar Academy, Ashok Baghwar, and the Principal, Arun Baghwar, lauded the team's outstanding performance.

Consultant not found for the proposed flyover from Harmu to Kadru Radiance Blue, bid issued for the third time

DN ■ Ranchi

Consultant is not available to prepare DPR of flyover from Harmu to Kadru Radiance Blue. Road construction department has issued bid for consultant selection for the third time in a row, engineers said that efforts are being made to get the plan of this important flyover approved soon but before that a detailed DPR is necessary. There is a plan to build this flyover from Vidyannagar of Harmu, which will be connected to the flyover being built from Sahajanand Chowk to Ratu Road. Road construction department has decided to take this plan forward only after completing the sur-



vey work for building a bridge from Harmu to Kadru.

Tender for Harmu flyover came at 34 percent lower rate

For the construction of the flyover to be built from Sahajanand Chowk to Kanke Road Judge Colony via Ratu Road in Harmu

Road, the tender will be filled at 34 percent lower rate than the fixed cost. The road construction department is reviewing the bids submitted by the contractors. It will be brought to the government. It will be taken forward only after getting the consent of the Chief Minister.

The tender process for Harmu flyover will be completed within two to three months



DN ■ Ranchi

After Kantatoli, Ratu Road, now the government has started the process of constructing Harmu flyover. The tender process will be completed within the next two to three months. More than 300 crore rupees will be

Fact file of Harmu flyover

- Total length of the flyover is 3.50 km.
- ▶ A flyover will be constructed from Judge Colony on Kanke Road to Harmu Sahajanand Chowk.
- ▶ The flyover will climb from Suchna Bhawan crossing and will descend at Sahajanand Chowk via Ratu Road Chowk, Shani Mandir, Gadikhan Chowk, Kishoreganj Chowk, Bharat Mata Chowk.
- ▶ A ramp will be constructed near Sahajanand Chowk so that vehicles coming from Kadru Marg can climb the flyover.
- ▶ The second ramp will be constructed near Gausshala Chowk so that vehicles coming from Ratu Road and Pahadi Mandir can climb the flyover.

spent on the construction of Harmu flyover, the length of this flyover will be 3.5 km. At present, the search for a consultant for the construction of the flyover from Harmu to Kadru Radiance Blue is going on. The tender has been issued for this. At present, a company has filled the tender for this project at 34 percent less rate. The Path Department is

reviewing it. **Work will start only after preparing an alternative road**
The construction work of Harmu flyover will be done by preparing an alternative route. The reason for this is that there is more VVIP movement on this road. VVIPs go to Vidhan Sabha, Project Bhawan, High Court.

Ormanjhi firing incident: Sujit Sinha had hatched the conspiracy, Ranchi police arrested the criminal involved in the incident

DN ■ Ranchi

Two youths were shot near Birsa Zoo in Ormanjhi police station area on the evening of 22 November. The conspiracy of the firing incident was hatched by the criminal Sujit Sinha who is lodged in jail. The police team formed on the instructions of SSP Chandan Sinha took action and arrested a criminal named Jishan Sheikh, a resident of Kanke police station area, involved in the incident. The arrested criminal has a criminal history. SSP Chandan Sinha gave this information in a press conference on Wednesday evening.

The conspiracy was hatched for not paying the extortion

During the investigation of the incident, the police got information that Sujit Sinha gang had demanded extortion from land dealer Sanjeev



Jaiswal. The land dealer neither paid the extortion nor told the police about the extortion. The criminals of Sinha gang had come to shoot land dealer Sanjeev Jaiswal for not paying the extortion. But two of Jaiswal's

employees Azad and Javed Ansari came in between. Due to which both of them got shot. In this case, an FIR has been registered against Sujit Sinha and the criminals of his gang in Ormanjhi police station.

News In Brief

Police investigated the accident case in outsourcing project

Jodapokhar. In the case of Akhilesh Kumar, a youth who was injured two months ago after being hit by the debris of Sushi Outsourcing Project being operated in Barari of Lodna area of BCCL, Jodapokhar Police Station Incharge Rajesh Prakash Sinha inspected the spot today after registering a case. During the inspection, the Police Inspector cum Police Station Incharge took stock of the OB dumping being done near Number Five Dhoda and the safety aspects of the citizens in the project area. It is to be noted that the outsourcing project being operated in Barari.

Committee of DVC Pensioners Society formed

Maithan. In the annual general meeting of Maithon branch of DVC Pensioners Society, Rudra Pratap Singh was elected as the President and Kailashpati Mahato as the Secretary. In the annual general meeting held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Kamlesh Kumar Banerjee, the new executive committee was formed unanimously. In the presence of the General Secretary of the society, Dwarika Prasad, the office bearers of the committee were selected unanimously. These include President Rudra Pratap Singh, Vice Presidents Subhash Chandra Kumbhakar and Ram Ratan Mandal, Secretary Kailashpati Mahato, Joint Secretary Swapan Kumar Dutta, Co-Secretary: Shashi Kant Manhar, Treasurer Shivakant Singh and the executive members.

Two trucks loaded with banned Mangur fish seized

Giridih. Despite the NGT ban, illegal trade of Mangur fish continues. Police of Dumri police station today raided near Kulgo toll plaza and seized two trucks loaded with Mangur fish. Police station in-charge Praneet Patel said that the fish were being transported loaded on two trucks. Police caught both the trucks. The drivers, helpers and labour of the trucks have been taken into custody and are being questioned. The district fisheries department has also been informed about.

Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahato raised the demand for rail service in Parliament

Demanding direct train to five cities from Dhanbad

DN ■ Dhanbad

MP Dhullu Mahato raised the issue of better rail facilities in Parliament. He demanded to start rail service from Dhanbad to five major cities. MP Dhullu Mahato has demanded from Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav in Parliament to start rail services especially on four major routes. Along with this, he also talked about improving the rail service in the area. MP Dhullu Mahato said that better passenger rail facilities should be provided to the citizens of Dhanbad. Trains



should run from Dhanbad to Vaishno Devi and Vellore: Dhullu Mahato said that in view of the increasing number of devotees going to Vaishno Devi, a direct rail service should be started from Dhanbad to Vaishno Devi, so that the devotees get convenience in travel and they get an opportunity to avoid long distance travel. He also demanded to start

a rail service from Dhanbad to Vellore for patients going for treatment, so that patients do not face any problem in going to Vellore for treatment. Apart from this, Dhullu Mahato also took care of students and working people. He expressed the need for rail service from Dhanbad to Bangalore and Hyderabad. He said that a large number of people go from Dhanbad to study or work. Most of them go to Hyderabad city to work as laborers. For this, start a direct rail service to

Bangalore and Hyderabad. The MP also requested to start a train for Delhi. Dhullu Mahato said that rail service should be started so that people of Dhanbad and nearby areas can directly connect to the country's capital and their life becomes easier. The MP said that the highest railway revenue from Jharkhand is received from Dhanbad. Hundreds of goods trains leave from here every day. Passenger rail services are very less, due to which people have to face difficulties. The MP expressed hope that etc.

Equipment worth crores getting wasted in Nagar Nigam

DN ■ Giridih

These days, many equipments bought at the cost of crores in Nagar Nigam are getting wasted due to non-use. Regarding this, CPI(ML) leader Rajesh Sinha has given an application to Giridih Deputy Commissioner and has appealed to investigate and take action. He has also warned of a big agitation if no action is taken. He has said that Nagar Nigam has bought machines worth thirty to forty crores for cleaning the city. For the last six months, the machines have been kept unused in the old Nagar Nigam. He has alleged that Nagar Nigam does not pro-



vide water in the morning and evening and false bills are made. The water being supplied in the urban area is dirty and not potable, which should be investigated. Regarding all these matters, Nagar Nigam's Deputy Commissioner Prashant Kumar Layak said that all vehicles and equipment are used from time to time etc.

tion is that when the equipments were not to be used, then why were they bought and why was the money wasted. Along with this, he has also demanded an investigation of the culprit behind this. He has also given an application for investigation of the tap water supplied by Nagar Nigam. He has alleged that Nagar Nigam does not pro-

Modi government should take action on Bangladesh: Dilip Singh

DN ■ Dhanbad

Social worker Dilip Singh has said that the attacks being carried out by extremists on Hindus, ISKCON organization and its followers in Bangladesh are condemnable. The Indian government needs to intervene and take strict action on this. The Indian government should immediately intervene and ensure the unconditional release of Swami Chinmay Krishnadas Brahmachari and force the Bangladesh government to protect minority Hindus. Hindu society in Bangladesh has been facing religious persecution, attacks on temples, atrocities on women and looting of properties for the last several decades.

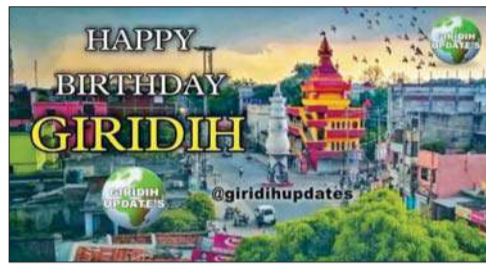


Swami Chinmay Krishnadas Brahmachari protested against injustice and demanded his rights in a peaceful manner. His arrest has put the religious freedom of Hindus of Bangladesh in serious danger. Dilip Singh said these things today during the protest and march organized against the attacks on Hindus, Sikhs, Jains etc.

Giridih district turns 52 years old Giridih was formed on 4 December 1972 on the division of Hazaribagh

DN ■ Giridih

Giridih turns 52 years old on 4 December 2024. Giridih district was formed on 4 December 1972 on the division of Hazaribagh district. Giridih is located almost in the middle of the North Chotanagpur Division. Jamui and Nawada districts of Bihar are to its north, Deodhar and Jamtara to the east, Dhanbad and Bokaro to the south and Hazaribagh and Koderma districts to the west. Giridih district is spread over an area of 4853.56 sq km. Giridih was earlier a part of Hazaribagh district. The city is located in the Chotanagpur plateau. The entire area is covered with dense forest, vegetation and hilly floors. This area was under several tribal communities. Before independence, the area was part of Hazaribagh. Munda were the traditional rulers of this tribal land. This land remained undiscovered until Mughal emperor Akbar came to power in 1556 AD. After Akbar's succession this region became a part of the Mughal empire. Hazaribagh along with the whole of Jharkhand was called Khukhara. Later in the early 18th century this



region was included in the British controlled district of Hazaribagh. This town has long been a part of the South-West Frontier Agency under British rule. Later in 1854 the South-West Frontier Agency was changed to Chota Nagpur. However the present day Giridih town was developed by the Bihar government before the separation of the state. Giridih is surrounded by dense forest and is situated on the central and lower plateau. The western part of the area of Giridih is situated on the central plateau. The lower plateau consists of undulating surface with an average elevation of 1300 feet. The northern part of the lower plateau is mainly known for table land, which maintains the plateau at an elevation of 1300 feet. The aver-

age elevation here is 700 feet. The region is covered with dense vegetation. The forests are mainly of Sal and Teak. Other commonly found species are Simul, Bamboo, Pala, Mahua, Kusum, Asan Pear, Kend and Bhalwa. Barakar and Sakri rivers flow through Giridih and contribute immensely to the biodiversity of the region. Giridih is a mineral rich region and the best quality coal mines are present here. The mineral rich land has high availability of mica. Tisri and Gaon block is rich in iron ore and minerals, which are used by the Government of India. The climatic conditions in the region are generally dry. The most pleasant time to spend in the region is during winters. Summers are mainly hot and humid. During the month of May, the temperature sometimes reaches up to 47 degrees Celsius. The region experiences monsoon during the month of June. The region is located in the lap of nature, which offers many sightseeing options to the visitors. The region is dotted with many attractive natural sites and is also the center of many devotional places, which are frequented by pilgrim.

Patkar celebrated father's death anniversary in Old Age Home



DN ■ Dhanbad

Senior journalist Rajendra Verma celebrated the third death anniversary of his father Late Chotan Ram in Old Age Home located in Sahyogi Nagar Sector 3 of Sabalpur. Tribute was paid by garlanding his photo. His grandson Saurabh Kumar Verma and many friends and relatives were present on the occasion. All the elderly parents of the ashram also paid tribute to the deceased by bowing down. Journalist Mr. Verma said that whenever his father's death anniversary comes, he always tries to celebrate the death

anniversary in an old age home, so that he can get the blessings of the elderly parents living in the ashram by feeding them delicious food with his own hands. This gives a lot of peace to the mind. He said that he would request his friends to celebrate their, wife's or child's birthday, wedding anniversary or death anniversary in an old age home. This will give a lot of peace to the mind. The president of the ashram Mohammad Naushad Gaddi and his team were very supportive. Caretaker Bahujan Soren also had a commendable contribution etc.

Barari's cemetery is pleading to save its existence

DN ■ Jodapokhar

There is a cemetery which is waiting for the administration along with the public representatives to save its existence. Due to the greed of money of BCCL and outsourcing companies, the existence of this cemetery is on the verge of ending. As soon as the elections came, many MPs and MLAs came and talked about saving the cemetery and went away, but the result remains the same. No one turned back and looked at this cemetery. We are talking about the centuries-old Barari cemetery located in Jodapokhar of Jharia in Dhanbad Koyalanchal, where people from far-flung villages and neigh-



borhoods used to come to bury their relatives. Now this cemetery is pleading to save its existence. Since centuries ago, people of the nearby Muslim community have been burying their ancestors in this cemetery. People also come here in the memory of their ancestors on many festivals, but BCCL and outsourcing companies are eager to destroy the cemetery by dumping hill-like OB around this cemetery. The greed for money domi-

nates the outsourcing company to such an extent that they are neither concerned about the public nor about anyone's religious place. Outsourcing companies can go to any extent for their profit. A living example of this is the destruction of Barari cemetery which has existed for decades. People greedy for money are not refraining from destroying even the memorials of people's ancestors. This area of Jodapokhar

has been declared a fire-affected area by BCCL. Instructions have also been issued to remove people from here, but the interesting thing is that a coal depot is being built by BCCL at the same place. BCCL is a different matter. A bridge has been constructed near this place at a cost of crores of rupees by the Jharkhand government. When the area has been declared a fire-affected area, then why is the public's money being wasted at the same place? In the greed of filling its pockets, BCCL is removing the religious place as part of a conspiracy, so that the outsourcing company can extract coal through opencast.

Sanatan Dharma Jagran Samiti held a rally and dharna

DN ■ Dhanbad

Jharia MLA Ragini Singh, Baghmara MLA Shatrughan Mahato, District Council President Sharda Singh, Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha, BJP leader Tara Devi and others participated in the march and dharna organized by Sanatan Dharma Jagran Samiti at Randhir Verma Chowk, Dhanbad today against the continuous atrocities on Sanatanis. All of them said in one voice that Sanatan Dharma Jagran Samiti held a dharna at Randhir Verma Chowk today against the barbaric attack on Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and monastery-temples of



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First day of elections for recognition of Railway Union concluded



DN ■ Dhanbad

First day of elections for recognition of Railway Union concluded peacefully today. Looking at the achievements of All India Railway Men's Federation and East-Central Railway Employees Union, the railway employees had a special inclination towards the flag symbol. Five election centers were set up in Dhanbad for this election, which included Railway Auditorium, Safety Camp, TRD Training Depot, Carriage and Wagon Depot and DRM Office. The election process started at 8 am, while the election was completed by 5 pm. It is known that this election is scheduled for 4, 5 and 6 December.

Farewell given to retired BCCL employees

DN ■ Bhoora

Retired employees were given farewell today at the Eastern Jharia Regional Office of BCCL. Personnel Manager Sanjay Kumar congratulated the retired employees and said that today the company is making profits because of you people, but according to the rules of the company, everyone has to retire at some point. Be it an employee or an officer, their contribution can never be forgotten. On retirement, the company gives us a pension with a huge amount, which we should take care of, so that the future life is spent



in happiness. The company will always miss them. We wish long life and good health to the retired employees. Sanjay Kumar, Personnel Manager Administration

Abhishek Jha, Mukesh Thakur etc. were present on this occasion. The retired employees were given shawl, watch, briefcase and retirement certificate by the company.

BSL distributed battery operated tricycles for the disabled people

DN ■ Bokaro

On the occasion of International Day of Disabled, under the aegis of CSR Department of Bokaro Steel Plant, in collaboration with Artificial Limb Corporation of India, ALIMCO, a civil distribution camp for battery operated tricycles was organized for the disabled people at Asha Lata Handicapped Development Center. On this occasion, Director-in-charge Virendra Kumar Tiwari, along with Executive Director Suresh Rangani, Executive Director Rajan Prasad, Executive Director Ms. Rajshree Banerjee, Chief Medical Officer Dr. BB



Karname, Chief General Manager Kundan Kumar, Chief General Manager Laxmi Das, Director of Asha Lata Handicapped Development Center, BS Jaiswal, ALIMCO representative Nitish Kumar, General Manager AS Nandi, Senior Manager N Tripathi and others were present. Chief Guest, Director-in-charge of

Bokaro Steel Plant, Mr. Tiwari, in his address said that everyone should contribute to the upliftment of the disabled people and to make their life simple and easy and to connect them to the mainstream of the society. He appreciated the efforts being made by Asha Lata Center for their development. During the camp, battery operated

Advocate Day organized in court premises

DN ■ Bokaro

Advocate Day marks the birth anniversary of India's first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. This day is celebrated to recognize the contribution of lawyers and their important role in the justice system. Dr. Rajendra Prasad's honesty, integrity and service to the society are seen as an inspiration in the legal profession. On the occasion of Advocate Day, Advocate Day was organized in the Bokaro Court premises by the Indian Association of Lawyers. First of all, the program started with garlanding the picture of India's first



President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Bokaro's senior advocate Mohan Lal Ojha congratulated and blessed all the advocates. National Council Member of Indian Association of Lawyers Advocate Ranjit Giri highlighted the importance of

Advocate Day and expressed happiness by distributing cake and sweets. Giri said that Dr. Rajendra Prasad was not only a freedom fighter and a great politician, but also an eminent lawyer. He demonstrated high ethical

News In Brief

Meeting of Dharmajan Jagran Samiti held in Hanuman Mandir premises

Bokaro. Meeting of Dharmajan Jagran Samiti was held in Sector 9 Street 14 Hanuman Mandir premises, which was presided over by Yogendra Kumar who said that Dharmajan Jagran Samiti has been organizing Shrimad Bhagwat Katha every year in Vaishali Mod Ground. In view of this, Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be organized from 7th to 14th January. The speaker of this Katha will be Vashisht Deshmukh Ji Maharaj. A committee has been formed for the successful conduct of the Katha. Yogendra Kumar Chaudhary.

Case going on for 17 years was closed

Bokaro. In the light of the order passed by the High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi, while hearing the case of Naveen Kumar, Assistant Servant, District Development Branch, Bokaro, regarding reconsideration of appointment on compassionate grounds in the District Compassionate Committee, the case going on for almost 17 years was closed. The DC heard all the points in the presence of the committee members and took information about the case from the concerned candidate and unanimously the committee recommended appointment to the post of third class. Employees of the District Establishment Branch were present on the occasion.

10 cases were heard in the meeting of the compassionate committee, 6 were recommended for appointment

Bokaro. Yes, a meeting of the District Compassionate Committee was held in the presence of the DC in which 10 cases were heard. Aapar Samarth Mumtaz Ansari, Establishment Deputy Collector, Vandana Sejawalkar, Sub-Divisional Officer, Bermo, DCLR Prabhas Dutt, District Education Officer, Jagannath Lohar, Welfare Officer, NS Kujur, ADPRO, Avinash Kumar Singh and others were present. The DC reviewed all the cases and examined the documents of the applicant. According to the information, one case of the District Development

Tribute paid to the country's first President Desh Ratna Doctor Rajendra Prasad



DN ■ Bokaro

On the birth anniversary of Dr Rajendra Prasad, Bokaro Steel Plant's Director-in-charge Virendra Kumar Tiwari, Executive Director Suresh Rangani, Rajan Prasad, Ms Rajshree Banerjee, Executive Director Mines Development Manwati, Executive Director CR Mishra, Chief Medical Officer Dr Bab Karunamay and others paid tribute to Dr Rajendra Prasad by garlanding his statue located near Steel Bhawan. Director-in-charge Shri Tiwari said in his address that we can take our society and country forward by taking inspiration from the life of Dr Rajendra Prasad.

SAIL celebrated International Day of Disabled, provided equipment

DN ■ Bokaro

Steel Authority of India Limited celebrated International Day of Disabled persons by distributing assistive devices to differently abled persons of various categories in a program organized at its corporate office in New Delhi. The company organized the major program under its Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. SAIL, organized in collaboration with Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India, distributed assistive devices like tricycles, motorized tricycles, smart canes, smartphones and hearing aids for visually impaired



persons to enhance the mobility and communication of the beneficiaries. SAIL has done this work of providing equipment to disabled persons for the third consecutive year. In future, such programs will be organized in SAIL's plants and units as well. On this occasion, SAIL Chairman Amarendra

Prakash started the program with other senior officials and reiterated the company's commitment towards social inclusion and helping disabled people. He said that we salute the spirit of disabled people in SAIL. SAIL has always been helping disabled people and will continue to do so in future.

Mukhiya Savitri Devi distributed sweaters to children in Anganwadi Centre



DN ■ Gomia

In the sweater distribution program held on Wednesday at Anganwadi Centre code number 714 located at Lohar Tola, Hosir under Gomia block, Mukhiya Savitri Devi distributed sweaters provided by Jharkhand government to the children. On this occasion, she said that it is very important to take care of children's health in the cold season and this initiative of the government is commendable. Anganwadi worker Seema Kumari and assistant Geeta Devi conducted the program. She said that along with making children aware about nutrition and health, other facilities are also provided in the center. A large number of villagers were present in the program, who appreciated this scheme of the government.

Library is an essential part of the school : Baid

DN ■ Chas

Rotary Club Chas provided iron book shelves to Upkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Azad Nagar. President of Rotary Club Chas Binod Chopra said that to make the government school smart and for good change, Rotary Club has provided iron book shelves to the school. Coordinator of the program Sanjay Baid said that books in the library will now be kept in an organized manner and children will also find it easy to find them. Sanjay Baid said that students will now have the convenience of collecting information. Sanjay Baid said that library is an



essential part of the school. Secretary Mukesh Agarwal said that Chas Rotary Club will continue to provide all possible support to the school in future as well. Principal of the school Virendra Prasad praised Rotary Club Chas for providing iron book shelves and

expressed gratitude on behalf of the school family. Happiness was also seen on the faces of the students. Vinod Chopra, Mukesh Aggarwal, Sanjay Baid, Kumar Amardeep, Narendra Singh, Prakash Kejriwal, Sanjay Rastogi, Lalita Chopra, Pooja Baid.

Brahmin community burnt the effigy of Bangladesh government against the attack on Hindus

DN ■ Bokaro

On Wednesday, at Birsa Chowk Naya Mor of Bokaro Steel City, under the aegis of Bokaro District Sampurn Vipra Purohit Samaj Sambandhan Sampurn Vipra Samaj Bokaro, the effigy of Bangladesh government was burnt against the murderous attack on Sanatan Dharmis in Bangladesh, playing with the honor of daughters-in-law and daughters, breaking temples and torturing priests by imprisoning them. Through this program, the message was given that the government of Bangladesh should stop the murderous atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh and pay attention to this problem and provide Hindus an opportunity to live a safe and protected life in Bangladesh, otherwise the outline of a nationwide movement against this will be decided. Through the program, the



Government of India was also requested to put pressure on the Bangladesh government to protect the Hindus of Bangladesh. The program was presided over by Pandit Sanjay Pandey, President of Bokaro District's Whole Brahmin Priest Society. Mainly present in the program were Jharkhand State's Whole World Society Shashi Bhushan Ojha, Mukul, General Secretary of Jharkhand State Mrinalkant

Choubey, Jharkhand State's Whole Brahmin Society, President of the Whole Brahmin Priest Society Pandit Akhilesh Ojha, Mithilesh Pandey, Media Incharge Vinod Pandey, Dinesh Pandey, Rajkumar Pandey, Panchanand Pandey, Gopal Pandey, Ajay Choubey, Nagendra Giri, Pintu Choubey, only Pintu Pandey, Virendra Pandey, Mithilesh Pandey and all the officers of the Priest society and others.

Bermo MLA should get place in cabinet from Congress quota: Harendra

DN ■ Phusro

A meeting of National Colliery Mazdoor Union Dhori Regional Committee was held in the union office located at Dhori No. 5 under the chairmanship of Dhori Area President Harendra Prasad Singh. Union's regional president Harendra Prasad Singh, secretary Shivnandan Chauhan and Congress Bermo block president Chhedi Nonia expressed gratitude to the people of Bermo assembly constituency including the workers, farmers, Dalits, victims, exploited, minorities of Bermo coalfield area for the spectacular vic-



tory of MLA Kumar Jai Mangal alias Anoop Singh. It is the victory of collective efforts of India Alliance. It is the result of the efficient leadership of Hemant Soren and hard work of Kumar Jai Mangal Singh. Under the efficient leadership of Kumar Jai Mangal, the people of Bermo brought the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate to the third position.

In the meeting, the union demanded from Congress Party's National President Rahul Gandhi to make MLA Kumar Jai Mangal a minister in Jharkhand. On this occasion, Rajeshwar Singh, Brij Bihari Pandey, Uttam Singh, Murari Prasad Singh, Ganesh Mallah, Jayaram Singh, Parvez Akhtar, Mahfooz Alam.

SAIL SC ST Employees Federation welcomed the MLA



DN ■ Bokaro City

A delegation of SAIL SC ST Employees Federation Bokaro unit led by Federation Central Committee President and Bokaro Unit President MK Abhimanyu met MLA Shweta Singh and congratulated her on becoming the MLA of Bokaro Assembly by giving her a bouquet. On this occasion, the Federation officials invited her to the program to be organized near Dr. Ambedkar statue site near Nagar Seva Bhawan on December 6 on the Mahaparinirvan Day of Bharat Ratna Constitution maker Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, in which MLA Shweta Singh assured to come etc.

Judicial officer held a meeting regarding the success of National Lok Adalat

DN ■ Tenughat

On 14th December, a meeting was held with police officers and PLVs in Tenughat Civil Court premises regarding the success of National Lok Adalat. Let us tell you that for the success of National Lok Adalat, the said meeting was held with the police administration and PLVs of the subdivision under the leadership of District Judge III of Civil Court Faheem Kirmani. On this occasion, District Judge III Faheem Kirmani directed the police administration that whatever notice is sent regarding the upcoming National Lok Adalat, it should be acted upon



promptly and sent to the concerned person, so that maximum number of cases can be disposed of in National Lok Adalat. Family Court Prem Nath Pandey told the police officers present that the cooperation of all of you is very important for the success of Lok Adalat. Most of the cases arise due to family disputes. ACJM Manoj Kumar Prajapati also gave

many instructions regarding serving the notice. The police officers present in the meeting assured the judicial officers that all the notices that reach the police station will be served. Sub Judge II Rajesh Ranjan Kumar, Munsif Shivraj Mishra, Advocate Subhash Katriyar, Jeevan etc. also expressed their views in the meeting. While Inspector cum Station.

News In Brief

43-year-old man dies after being hit by a train

Medininagar. Mantu Kumar, 43, son of Janardan Prasad, a resident of Town No. 2 of the city police station area, died after being hit by a train. Regarding this incident, the family members said that Mantu Kumar was a mentally challenged person. On Tuesday evening around 4:00, he was crossing the railway crossing near his house. Meanwhile, he died on the spot after being hit by a train. On receiving information about the incident, TOP-2 in-charge Anil Kumar Singh, Tiger Mobile jawans Mukesh Kumar Singh, Suryanath Singh, Pramod Kumar.

7-year-old girl dies after drowning in Koel river

Medininagar. Meenakshi Kumari, 7 years old daughter of Rajesh Bhuiyan, resident of Kolhua village of Chainpur police station area, died after drowning in Koel river. Regarding this incident, the deceased's father Rajesh Bhuiyan told that on Tuesday afternoon Meenakshi had gone to take bath in Koel river near her house with the children of her village. Meanwhile, she drowned in Koel river. After this, the local people there informed the family about this incident. On getting information about the incident, the family reached Koel river and took Meenakshi out of the river. After that, she was taken to Medinirai Medical College Hospital. Where the doctors declared Meenakshi dead. After this incident, the family of the deceased is in a bad condition and crying.

To avoid punishment the accused committed suicide by hanging himself

Palamu: Dharampal Mehta, a resident of Shahad in Lesliaganj police station area, committed suicide by hanging himself last night. There was a case against Dharampal Mehta and some other people a decade ago in which they were convicted. They had appealed against the lower court's decision in Ranchi High Court, but the High Court also upheld the lower court's decision and directed them to surrender.

DC reviewed the works under Jal Jeevan Mission under the drinking water department

DN ■ Palamu

DC cum District Magistrate Shashi Ranjan reviewed the works being done under the Jal Jeevan Mission program in the district in the auditorium of the Collectorate on Wednesday. During this, he reviewed the works of MVS going on in Nimia under Jal Jeevan Mission. During the review, the Deputy Commissioner talked about show cause to the concerned contractor for not doing the work as per the stipulated time. During the review, it was found that the junior engineer and assistant engineer



have also been negligent in the above scheme, both the engineers have not discharged their duties properly. The DC also talked about show cause to both the engineers. He said that despite this, if the work is not found satisfactory, departmental action will be initiated against them.

In the discussion meeting on stopping the salary of Assistant and Junior Engineer of Chhatarpur, cancellation of agreement with show cause to the contractor, DC Shri Ranjan also reviewed the MVS scheme being run in Chhatarpur. It was found that the work was not

being done as per the agreement by the department. It is not being done. In the investigation, it was found that the contractor is not making payment to the laborers working there, due to which the work is pending. In this case also the DC said that the contractor will be shown the cause notice and in case there is no expected progress in the work, the agreement with the contractor will be considered as per rules. Apart from this, he said that the salary of the concerned assistant and junior engineer will be stopped etc.

Strict action should be taken against the culprits involved in sexual exploitation in the girl's reform home: Bimla

DN ■ Daltanganj

On Wednesday, a press conference was organized by Vice President Bimla Kumari in the District Twenty Point Office in view of the incident that took place in the girl's reform home. In her statement, Bimla Kumari said that the evil practice of sexual exploitation in this girl's home has been going on for the past several years. On this related issue, I had investigated the girl's home on 16 March 2023 itself and submitted the related report to the Deputy Commissioner of the district. The then district administration had hushed up the matter by removing



only the warden. After so much time, when the entire incident came to light after investigation, the role of the then DDC sir is also suspicious in this entire incident. In my investigation, the number of children registered in the register at that time was found to be less. When asked, an evasive answer was given.

Certainly, if the entire case had been investigated legally at that time itself, then the recent incident would not have happened again. The continuous disappearance of girls in different incidents is not possible without the involvement of big white collar people and high officials. Further Ms. Bimla Kumari.

Delegation of Anjuman Faroge Urdu met CM



DN ■ Ranchi

A delegation of Anjuman Faroge Urdu Jharkhand met Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday and congratulated him on his victory. During this, various topics related to Urdu were also discussed. It is known that Anjuman Faroge Urdu is a registered organization at the provincial level, whose main objective is to promote Urdu and develop love for Urdu among children. Felicitation ceremony at matriculation and intermediate level as well as primary level is the main work of this organization. The delegation also talked to the Chief Minister regarding the appointment of Urdu teachers. The Chief Minister assured that teachers will be appointed soon and Urdu Academy will be formed. The delegation also presented some Urdu books to the Chief.

Spend the 15th Finance amount pending in the Panchayat immediately: BDO

DN ■ Chatra

A review meeting of the ongoing schemes in all the Panchayats of Simaria block was held in the auditorium of the block office on Wednesday under the chairmanship of BDO Chandradev Prasad. The BDO, while taking information about the scheme from all the Panchayat Mukhiyas and employees present in the meeting, said that the 15th Finance amount pending in the Panchayat should be spent as soon as possible, to complete PM Awas and Abua Awas at a fast pace, while reviewing the updated status, asked everyone to speed up the progress by inspecting the site. The



schemes implemented under PM Janman Yojana for the primitive tribes were directed to be completed on priority. All the Panchayat Secretaries and Employment Servants were directed to maintain the records of the schemes being run in the Panchayat

in an updated form in the Panchayat Secretariat. Also, the BDO said that every week on Thursday, a visit will be made to one Panchayat for review and progress of the schemes. If any kind of error is found, appropriate action will be taken against etc.

MP Vishnu Dayal Ram raised the demand of making beer on Amanat river in Lok Sabha

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Palamu MP Vishnu Dayal Ram today raised a very important matter related to making beer at two-three places in Koel and Amanat rivers to solve the problem of drinking water in Medininagar city under Palamu parliamentary constituency under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha. Shri Ram said that the main city under Palamu parliamentary constituency is Medininagar which is situated on the banks of Koel river and Amanat river and both these rivers are life-line for the people there, but unfortunately both of them dry up completely during summer and the water level of Medininagar city goes down a lot due to



which it becomes difficult to provide drinking water to the residents of the city through pipes. Not only this, the heat there is so intense that all the hand pumps and deep borings become useless due to the water level going down. It is also important to mention that Palamu district falls in the Rain Shadow Area where there is not enough rainfall every year, hence the situation of drought always persists.

Journalist mourns the death of his father crowd gathered in the funeral procession people paid tribute

DN ■ Chatra

Senior journalist Jitendra Kumar Tiwari's father Lakshmi Narayan Tiwari, 89 years old, resident of Barwadih-Dumbi of Pathalgada block of Chatra district, died last night. The deceased was ill for some days. His last rites were performed on Wednesday at Panchbahini river ghat in Dumbi village. The deceased was a well-known farmer of the region and held many important posts of Congress party in Chatra and Hazaribagh throughout his life. There is a wave of mourning in the area due to his death. His five sons Mithilesh Tiwari, Gopal Tiwari, Ramkishore Tiwari, Raj



Kishore Tiwari and the youngest journalist Jitendra Tiwari are all engaged in social service and in many posts. On receiving the news of his death, Simaria MLA Ujjwal Kumar Das, BDO Kalindra Sahu, Circle Officer Udal Ram, Police Station in-charge Alok Ranjan Chowdhary, along with several Panchayat representatives, people

from political parties, social workers, journalists, businessmen and dignitaries of the area reached his residence and offered tribute to him. They also consoled the bereaved family members. The deceased's younger brother Vasudev Tiwari was the former Mukhiya of Pathalgada. He did many notable works for the development of the area.

Navy Day celebrated in Ex-Serviceman Office

DN ■ Hussainabad

Navy Day was celebrated on Wednesday in Ex-Serviceman Office located in Hussainabad. The program started with lighting of lamps and offering of flowers and singing the national song Vande Mataram. The stage was conducted by Havildar Sudhir Singh and presided over by Lieutenant Prentosh Prasad. The chief guest of this program was Hussainabad State Bank of India branch manager Mr. Ravi Nayak and special guests were organization patron Colonel (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Singh and Loknath Kesari ji. All the guests were welcomed with flower garlands and ang vastra. Retired officer from the Navy, Lieutenant



Prentosh Prasad was present in the program, who was welcomed with flower garlands and ang vastra and everyone congratulated him on Navy Day. In the welcome speech, Lieutenant Prentosh Prasad congratulated all the guests, ex-servicemen, NCC cadets and school children on Navy Day. Further, Lieutenant

Prentosh Prasad told everyone about the Navy in detail and told about the achievement of this day that in the Indo-Pak war of 1971, Pakistan suddenly attacked India on 3 December, in retaliation to which the Indian Navy destroyed the Karachi base of Pakistan on 4 December under Operation Trident and devastated the Naval

Base Karachi. In memory of the valor and indomitable courage of the Indian Navy on this day, it was decided in the conference of senior officers that Navy Day will be celebrated every year on 4 December. Special guest Colonel Sanjay Kumar Singh said in his address that we all should organize such programs in a more grand manner and students of all schools should be included in such programs. So that the passion of becoming a soldier is created in them. All the ex-servicemen have been requested to sit together and continue doing the work of pensioners or education. Ex-servicemen also talked about continuing to support all sections.

BDO inspected the schemes taught morality lessons to children in school

DN ■ Chatra

When the officials are good and pay attention to the smallest problems at the lowest level, then that area will definitely develop. Such work is currently being done by Kanhachatti block BDO Sunil Prakash. On Wednesday, BDO visited Kanhachatti block and inspected various schemes. During this, BDO inspected the DMFT and MNREGA schemes being run in Bengokla and Tulbul Panchayat and thoroughly examined the medical kit, water etc. available for the laborers at the work site. Inspected the PCC path built from DMFT



fund in Pathel village. In the same sequence, BDO and Junior Engineer Prakash Kumar reached Gadiya Bengo Middle School. Where BDO taught the lesson of morality to the students of class one to eight and said that you should make all the students around your house aware and ask them

to come to school in maximum numbers. He asked the children many questions related to general knowledge, which the children also answered very well. He said that there is a shortage of building in the school and a letter will be written to the district so that the building problem can be resolved.

Environmentalist gave saplings to bride and groom on the occasion of his grandson's birth celebration and niece's wedding and wished them a successful married life

DN ■ Medininagar

Participating in birth celebrations and wedding ceremonies in Medininagar, Ranchi and Patratu, National President of Worldwide Environment Protection Campaign cum Environmental Religious Leader and founder of Banrakhi Movement, Environmentalist, Tree Man Dr. Kaushal Kishore Jaiswal, District Councilor of Chhatarpur East Amit Kumar Jaiswal and Mukhiya of Panchayat Dali Bazaar Poonam Jaiswal planted saplings and wished the newborn and the bride and groom a healthy and happy married life. In the marriage of Rituparna, daughter of Deepawali Jaiswal, wife of Girish Jaiswal and granddaughter of Janaki Devi, wife of Radheshyam Prasad of Gram Panchayat Dali Bazaar of Chhatarpur subdivision,



and the son of Mrs. Deepa Chaudhary, wife of Sanehal Laxmi Ram Chaudhary, resident of Borivali West, Mumbai, Dr. Kaushal, District Councilor Amit, Mukhiya Poonam blessed the bride and groom by giving them camphor plant from Himachal and

wished them a long life. Councilor Amit planted a tree with the prayer of environmental religion to his nephew and Dr. Kaushal and Mukhiya Poonam planted their grandson on the birth anniversary of Lalman Jaiswal, son of Sheela Jaiswal, wife of Ranchi Kokar-

ident Lalman Jaiswal and Rohit Jaiswal, wife of Jyoti Jaiswal (teacher) and administered the oath of environmental religion to the people present. He said that the way he has planted a tree like Lord Shiva and a plant like an oxygen cylinder, I heartily congratulate the child and the entire family of the child. On this occasion, the secretary of the organization Arvind Jaiswal, Sanjukta, Jaiswal Rahul Jaiswal, Akash Jaiswal, Vishal Jaiswal, Pinky Jaiswal, Suraj Prakash Arya, Rinki Arya, Asmita, Jaiswal Sarita Jaiswal, Satyendra Prasad, Suchit Kumar, Munna Jaiswal, Niranjan Prasad, Rajan Jaiswal, Sulekha Devi, Amresh Jaiswal, Dr. Neelam Jaiswal, Ravinder Prasad, Ramji Prasad and many members of the family were present.

10 types of People who get better Jobs

Research says the following 10 types are most likely to be gainfully employed. Do you see yourself here?

The cheerleader:

What's a good sport without a happy bunch of cheerleaders? All work and no promotion, makes the company disappear in the market.

So your small law firm maybe known in the circles, but a little push from a marketing guru will make the world aware of your facilities, capabilities, which will result in acquiring more clients. The marketer works in tandem with the founder to position the company that suits his or her vision and build the brand. This personality type is highly assertive, understands urgency and is willing to gamble (even when the founder develops cold feet).

he multi-tasker:

So your company is tiny and everyone is a bit stretched. There are some who just can't handle the pressure, but there are few who can grin and bear it all, and can put their hands in several puddings all at once -be admin one day, and a creative executor the next.

These multi-taskers serve as real assets to smaller firms whose budgets are meagre and manpower a handful. Young entrepreneurs are constantly on the look out of talent that not only can juggle many roles, but also switch parts as and when required.

The obligator:

What's the difference between an accommodator and multi-tasker? The former is a 'willing personality', while the latter is just blessed to focus on too many things at the same time. But as an owner of a small business, you need an accommodator in your squad, too. Read: These personalities are not spineless 'yes minister' kinds, but understand when they need to up their game, and do whatever it takes to work with impossible demands and deadlines.

Reverse role player:

Small firms have a strong tendency and leaning to employ people who are like-minded, but HR officials reckon that a personality whose views and beliefs are opposite of that of the company would do the latter good and result in growth. He/she would bring in the perspective and insight that owners would fail to notice. Sometimes, they'll also serve as mock rivals, thus further enhancing the chances of success and productivity.

the business, he/she is always a bit averse to taking big risks and making concrete decisions. They are constantly turning to people who can use their own judgment and give them sound advice. Remember, they need someone who is not afraid to pull the trigger in times of distress. If you're a firm decision maker, then you are just the person your boss needs by his/her side.

he cautious player:

Likewise, if you're the kind of entrepreneur who has a tendency to run with his/her dreams, an employer who likes to play it carefully is always a good hand in the team. You need this type of personality as a counterbalance to risk takers.

They are risk-averse, but sometimes you need such people to bring in stability and caution you from getting too excited and taking on more than your resources can manage.

The planner:

A person skilled in drafting policies and planning the next action the company must take is a key member to have in the team. Many serve as efficient executors, but few as effective planners (who essentially run the ship). These are the guys who can identify long-term goals, have a vision for the future and can work on a calculated measure to get there.

The organiser:

It's one thing to be a good strategist, and another to pull it all together. The best ideas go for a toss if you do not have someone who is task-oriented to put them into action. So if you are a master at organising, then it's imperative to add that in your CV.

The analyst:

While the strategist and organiser have their own skill sets to execute the idea into action, it takes an observant kind -who has one eye firmly on the markets and another on the rivals -to help you weigh the pros and cons and work accordingly.

The helper:

If you have wetted your hands in the hospitality business, and are looking to make a switch, be sure you retain the 'service-oriented' trait in your next job, too. A person who has a willingness to help others always makes for a great team player.

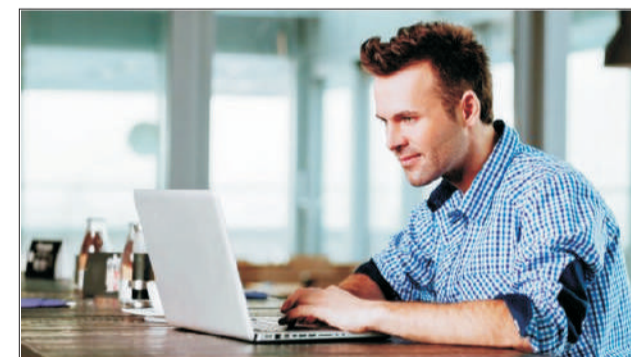
They balance administrative qualities, understand urgency and have the patience to deal with finicky clients.

The decision maker:

When an entrepreneur has just started off in

Seven myths about Work

Near-constant distractions have become the norm in workplaces around the world. Workers are struggling to get more done and focus harder with little understanding of what attention is or how to attain or manage it.



I will be more productive if I respond to e-mail during this phone call
We cannot consciously keep more than two things in our brain at one time. When we think we are multi-tasking, we are really switching our

Here are seven myths about managing your attention at work.

I can pay attention from the back of the room

Attention depends on how close we are to sensory stimuli. To create new ideas, we have to work in spaces where people can hear well, have eye contact with one another and can view shared documents and materials.

Sitting down all day will help me focus more

Static sitting sabotages our ability to concentrate, but movement stimulates production of the protein brain-derived neurotrophic factor, which helps brain areas vital to learning, memory and concept thinking. Take a walk or encourage your workplace to add a treadmill desk.

Drawing is only for creative types

People think in shapes, pictures and patterns, not in numbers and letters. Using digital and analogue tools to visualise information can support better thinking and increase focus. Help your brain organise information by sketching out your ideas.

attention rapidly between things the more we do it, the worse we become at prioritising.

Create workspaces away from distractions to encourage focusing on one task at a time.

My brain is easily distracted and cannot change

Keeping your mind tuned in to the current moment can train the brain. The practice has proven to increase gamma activity in the brain, indicating intensely focused thought. Consider identifying a place for moments of mindfulness and peace.

If I work more hours, I will get more done

The brain's capacity is limited and complete focus isn't usually possible for longer than 45 minutes. Take breaks throughout the day.

I can sleep when I'm dead

Sleep plays an important role in our ability to focus and hold attention. When we are sleep-deprived, our ability to learn and focus decreases. Consider adding nap rooms or short breaks to rejuvenate and refresh the brain.

Letting your employees review you can lead to personal and professional growth of the team, and you.

The dictionary meaning of the word review stands for a "formal assessment of something with the intention of instituting change if necessary". A review is typically on performance related parameters, on goals and objectives that an individual is committed to. And since the reporting manager's performance is most often a derivative cumulative impact of the performance of the team, the lack of timely and quality reviews of the team can lead to under-performance or non-performance with its own consequence management.

Organisationally, we are far away from team members 'reviewing' their managers. Before we even reach an organisational development stage of an employee 'reviewing' a reporting manager's performance, there are a few hurdles to be crossed: a) Willingness of the 'boss' to receive feedback and do something constructive about it; b) 'Dare' in the employee to give feedback without fear of any consequence whatsoever; c) Acceptance on the part of the reporting manager that he may be and ideally should be having people in his team.

Structured interventions:
FORMAL APPRAISAL PROCESSES

In the mid-year and annual appraisal process, the management generally has two questions that the reviewee is expected to first fill online and then discuss in the face-to-face meeting with the reporting manager. First, two things that you should continue doing to enable my performance; and second, two things that you could do differently to help me perform better. While the first one was always filled up, we found the second one to be blank in almost 30-40% of the forms, a couple of years back. HR teams had to intervene and take some steps to

Identifying core strengths through reviews

bring in the change.

UPWARD FEEDBACK

While annual and mid-year appraisals evaluate the accomplishment of the goals and objectives, in most cases, the manager does not really receive comprehensive feedback on his/her style of team management, since the manager's own supervisor has little view to the leadership style that is employed with the direct team. Therefore, in a way, a very critical developmental feedback related to organisational performance is missing in most cases! While a 360 degree feedback is a pretty much tested way of giving feedback to each

can lead to personal and professional growth of the manager.

Un-structured interventions

These would be more in the realm of building a culture of giving and taking feedback. Every team has a cadence of regular group meetings to do stock taking. Encouraging peer-review during these meetings is a great way of collectively uplifting each other's performance levels; the results will be for all to see in the team performance, typically reflected in the goal sheet of the reporting manager! Identifying core strengths of each team member like e-mail communication skills,



individual, the specific feedback by the team gets 'hidden' in the grossing-over exercise that is inherent in this process.

Those individuals working for a manager are the ones who are the absolute best witnesses of the behaviours of the manager. So, here comes the practice of upward feedback a tool to collate a collective team feedback based on individual responses. This would enable a manager to get objective feedback on aspects of his team leadership; aspects that play a big role in the motivation, retention and performance of his team. Actively encouraging the direct team to give feedback

project planning skills, data analysis skills, presentations skills, etc., and then building a work culture wherein these 'in-house experts' review the rest of the team as and when necessary, since everyone else would typically need to use these at some point of time or the other.

Needless to say, the reporting manager is the catalyst in bringing in a change for the better in the work culture, encouraging the team to give constructive feedback to him/her, at first specifically sought and then as and when required! These are tried and tested ways for personal and professional growth.

Courts letting ancient sores erupt afresh

WHEN in a hole, stop digging further — thus goes the familiar proverb. After the Ayodhya temple judgments, Indian courts are now sought to be engaged in a frenetic digging up of ancient religious grievances of a similar nature.

The underlying primary assumption is that many mosques were built upon temples that had been demolished by invaders. The second assumption is that notwithstanding the passage of centuries of time, there is today a legal right to restore the old temple by demolishing the existing mosque if necessary. The third assumption is that any court anywhere in India can grant executable decrees of change of character of a place of worship of one faith, to a worshipper of another faith. None of these assumptions was upheld by the five-judge Constitution Bench that passed the Ayodhya verdict. The judgment refutes the claim that a temple was brought down to build a mosque in medieval India. It awards decrees to both religions as having established their rights of worship at the spot. However, using the Supreme Court's special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, it imposed a majoritarian peace by pushing away the mosque to an alternative site and letting a temple be built on the original site.

Thus, all three assumptions listed above stood legally negated by the judgment that ran into over a thousand pages. Implicit in the judgment was the acceptance that the resolution of the Ayodhya dispute was to be treated as a one-off event and not as a precedent for further claims. However, the message that percolated down to the public was that the Supreme Court had upheld the building of a temple where a mosque once stood. Public perception, therefore, was that all mosques were, henceforth, fair game for conversion. What the courts did soon thereafter only added to the public perception. The Ayodhya judgment had barely been delivered that cases were filed for the conversion of mosques in Mathura and Varanasi. The mosque committees responded that the suits had to be dismissed because the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991 prohibited the change of character of any place of worship that existed as on August 15, 1947. The Act of 1991 had been upheld unanimously in the Ayodhya judgment.

Thus, in the fresh Gyanvapi dispute, when an order of the courts in Varanasi was carried to the SC, the court had an opportunity to nip the trouble in the bud. That was not to be. It was an ill-considered remark by presiding judge DY Chandrachud — that the courts could still inquire into what the exact character of the place was on the first day of Independence — that gave a fresh life to the suit and let loose the dragon seeds of fresh hatred.

Running parallel to the Varanasi dispute was the dispute regarding the Eidgah in Mathura. Both suits were allowed by the SC to proceed and work their way through the court system. Some interim orders were also passed, depriving the Muslim side of the use of some portion of the facilities and allowing surveys to be done by the Archaeological Survey of India and various court commissioners. The upshot is that courts are now instruments of an Ayodhyaesque kar seva.

It may well be that the judges of the Supreme Court felt it to be safer for public passions to be expended in the long process of the Indian litigation. They possibly thought that the legal process would help a nation resolve uncomfortable questions from the past. What they did not perceive was that disputes about religious sites are not about religions but about nationalism itself. Are we a nation of unity in diversity or are we a unitarian civilisation? Journalist and author Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay, in his book on Ayodhya, *The Demolition and the Verdict*, writes: "... 'inclusive' or 'multiple sub-nationalisms' (region and religion) were amalgamated into pan-Indian nationalism by the Congress, especially with the advent of Gandhi.

Shaky Dhaka needs a helping hand

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EVER since a popular revolt overthrew the government of Sheikh Hasina in Bangladesh, the country has been rocked by violence and disorder. The minority Hindu community there has been targeted. New Delhi has expressed strong concerns about these incidents to Dhaka, saying that the primary responsibility for the safety and security of "all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh".

Developments in the country can be seen in two ways. First, after the iron hand of Hasina's Awami League government has been lifted, the country is reverting to a situation of semi-anarchy, with the Islamists and Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) holding sway and the Hindu minority being persecuted. The second approach would be to consider that Bangladesh is going through a temporary phase in which the country, which did not have real democracy for the past decade, is trying to find its feet under the aegis of an interim government.

Bangladesh is perhaps the most consequential neighbour of India in South Asia, being 'India-locked' — of its 4,367-km land boundary, just 271 km is with Myanmar and the remaining 4,096 with India. It borders Tripura, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya and West Bengal and holds the key to the economic development as well as security of our northeastern region.

Given the nature of the Bangladesh border, it is difficult to completely seal it; as a result, the policies of various governments of the country have had a vital bearing on our security. India's relations with Bangladesh have seen ups and downs. Beginning with India's role in helping Bangladesh emerge as an independent nation, it has been a rollercoaster ride for bilateral ties as dictators Ziaur Rahman and HM Ershad encouraged the Islamisation of the country in a bid to maintain their control. As in Pakistan, the Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) has played a significant role and grown in the process, despite the fact that it fought against the freedom movement of the country. But what happens in Bangladesh is not just about India but the wider region, including China, Myanmar and South-East Asia. The creeping radicalisation of its large Muslim population could have wider global consequences. Besides the JeI, there are other

radical groups, like the Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami and the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, as well as elements of the al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. A network of madarsa leaders, Hefazat-e-Islam, too, wants Sharia rule in the country and is opposed to the establishment of a secular polity there. The JeI's alliance with the Bangladesh National Party (BNP), headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, has been a major

location at the head of the Bay of Bengal, next to the Rakhine state of Myanmar, where it has important investments and from where a pipeline carries oil from the port of Kyaukpyu to Yunnan in China, bypassing the Malacca Strait. Beijing has invested large amounts of money in constructing bridges, roads and power plants in Bangladesh and has also emerged as the biggest military supplier to the country. For many of the reasons cited above, New Delhi needs to handle things with care in Bangladesh. It is true that the situation is extremely volatile and can go out of control, resulting in negative consequences for India. The situation is compounded by the fact that the ISI is likely to be working overtime to impose an anti-India narrative on the popular movement there.

India needs to draw lessons from its successful handling of strained ties with neighbours recently. By providing financial succour to Sri Lanka during its economic crisis, it has bought considerable goodwill, which is paying dividends with the government of Anura Kumara Dissanayake. Likewise, by calmly dealing with President Muizzu of Maldives, New Delhi has managed to blunt his "India out" strategy.

Similar dividends are visible in Nepal — the nominally anti-India Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, who is on an official visit to China, had made it clear beforehand that his country would not sign any new loan agreement with Beijing under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Indeed, the Nepalese want to sign a new agreement with China that will narrow the scope of BRI in their country.

With Bangladesh, too, India needs to adopt a policy of strategic patience. Bangladesh is a country in transition. New Delhi needs to support the process of restoring democracy there. There has been a tendency to exaggerate the attacks on Hindus. After an initial upsurge, such attacks have come down. We also must understand that our one-sided support to Hasina has resulted in suspicion about our motives and there is need to provide a corrective to our Bangladesh policy.



problem. As a result, her tenures as Prime Minister in 1991-96 and 2001-06 have been marked by problems arising out of the virtually free rein given to the ISI and the sanctuary provided to an assortment of insurgent groups active against India in the North-East.

The India-Bangladesh relationship stabilised with the establishment of Hasina's government in 2009. Most importantly, it helped check the use of Bangladeshi territory by anti-India elements, be it the ISI or various north-eastern insurgent groups. This led to the reopening of land routes connecting the two nations and signing of the Motor Vehicles Agreement by BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal) to promote regional movement of traffic. China has developed significant interest in Bangladesh both as part of its larger policy of containing India as well as exploiting the country's

Population push

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RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has sounded the alarm. He has expressed concern over a paradoxical situation: population growth in the world's most populous country is on the decline. Painting an apocalyptic picture, Bhagwat has warned that a society whose total fertility rate (TFR) dips below 2.1 could disappear off the face of the earth. He has a solution: Hum Do Hamare Teen — every couple should have at least three children. Does the RSS Sarsanghchalak want members of every community in the country — majority as well as minority — to produce more kids? That seems unlikely, going by what Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at an election rally in Banswara, Rajasthan, in April. In a thinly veiled attack on a particular community, the PM had equated 'infiltrators' with "those who have more children".

Bhagwat is worried most probably because of the findings of a working paper released by the Economic Advisory Council to the PM a few weeks after Modi's controversial speech. It says that the share of Hindus in India's



population decreased by 7.82 per cent between 1950 and 2015, while that of Muslims increased by 43 per cent. The worst-case scenario for the RSS chief is the majority

community being reduced to a minority. Ironically, Health Minister JP Nadda, while addressing a meeting on World Population Day (July 11), stated that "smaller families" could help India achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. It's true that India's fertility rate has fallen significantly, in part due to a laudable rise in the contraceptive prevalence rate. A low TFR has prompted Andhra Pradesh to do away with its two-child policy, while Telangana is keen to follow suit. However, various states would be well advised to take stock of the resources available while reversing time-tested family planning measures. Can they handle the additional demographic burden in terms of healthcare, education, job generation and poverty alleviation? It's tempting for political and religious leaders to play the numbers game and stoke communal fires, but they should not overlook the implications of such actions for India's long-term social and economic stability.

What holds back Punjab's draft agricultural policy

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IAM often asked about my tenure as the Chairman of the Punjab State Farmers' & Farm Workers' Commission (April 6, 2017-September 20, 2021). On the very first day, without even a hint of guidance on what my work entailed, flummoxed but undeterred, I sent a letter to the Department of Agriculture, asking it to provide information on pesticide, seed and fertiliser sample failures in the state.

The data — that would have taken a few hours to put together in the private sector — took two years of dogged perseverance and persuasive cajoling to get. It took six months just to get an officer from the department to assist the commission in its work. Having never worked in the government, the chase taught me a vital lesson: the real problem is not the government, it is the bureaucracy. That was lesson number one. I cut the long story short, the commission found many instances of pesticide, fertiliser and seed sample failures where no cases had been filed for the past 10 years or had been time-barred. Consequently, around 150 officers were charge-sheeted. I was informed that the officers had threatened to go on strike. However, the commission's aim was not to penalise anyone, which it ensured, but thereafter, compliance became 100 per cent. The same happened a little later when we proposed that the government create a price stabilisation fund for milk, food and vegetables by imposing a 20 per cent fee on the charges received by the arhtiyas for the procurement of grains for the FCI. The arhtiyas arrived, flexing their muscles. I told them that if they were to agitate at my doorstep, it would do good for the commission's image. However, they easily convinced the government to

ignore my advice. Initially, different departments were to brief me on their working and issues so as to understand how the system worked. Instead, the commission decided to visit all departments and meet the officers and junior staff in their respective offices. It proved to be an eye-opener. It led to the next awakening: "inept governance" holds back progress. Consequently, in the draft agricultural policy, the first chapter is on 'governance'. It was the first-ever policy of any kind to identify governance as a problem and a solution. It was not palatable for many but, with time, my stand was vindicated. The commission only has an advisory role. Yet, I have regrets — not for the work I did, but about the decisions I did not make or was dissuaded from taking. It is hard to quantify all the work in brief here, but some laws that got enacted during my tenure were path-breaking. I was doubtful that the then state Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, would agree to banning truck unions, but his administrative acumen being outstanding, truck unions were banned. Though they kept operating in some places like Bathinda. That was the third learning: never be afraid to punch above your weight. On regulating the electricity subsidy to the economically better farmers, the CM was persuaded by his office not to tread the politically contentious path, even though the farmers' unions had concurred with this suggestion.

I must acknowledge that farmers' union leaders were supportive of the commission's efforts in policy formation. Making the draft of Punjab state farmers' policy taught us the fourth valuable lesson: a transparent consultation process is a fundamental

requirement for achieving positive policy outcomes. Additionally, we ensured that Punjab banned the sale of herbicide glyphosate, the only state to do so.

There were other remarkable wins. In 2002, the government had allocated over 300 acres of land in Ladhawal near Ludhiana to a business group for a



measly Rs 2,000 per acre for supporting agriculture. On finding out that the land was not being used for the purpose, the commission submitted a report on the issue, based on which the group returned the land without litigation to the state. That was the fifth takeaway: success is only possible if one works as a team as the commission did; not as individuals.

My own experiences derived from my farm at Abohar helped me in my work at the commission. Agriculture college students train at our farm as a part of their degree course. Their practical knowledge is left wanting in many aspects. After joining the

commission, I was shocked to learn that unlike medical colleges that are regulated by the Union Government, agriculture colleges were not regulated. Agriculture is a state subject and the state did not have any such law. On the commission's suggestion, the state government enacted the Punjab State Council for Higher Education Act 2017. Out of the 112 colleges in the state, the Punjab State Council for Higher Education (PSCAE) asked students to avoid taking admission in colleges offering BSc (agricultural) which were not fulfilling conditions under the Act. It also released a list of the institutes that complied with the minimum standards prescribed. The list had only 15 names. The farm experience had also taught me about the difficulty of viably operating a greenhouse. We decided to list each greenhouse subsidised by government agencies. To its shock, the commission documented that over 90 per cent greenhouses had stopped operating within three to four years. There were many other such instances. The commission had a similar

experience on the suo motu inquiry report on canal water pollution in the Beas river from the Chadha distillery spill. The sixth learning was that the system tends to turn a blind eye to failures and evidence-based research should influence the policy and action. We, thus, recommended that actual beneficiaries be allowed to assess the programme outcomes. When the commission reached out to district headquarters to follow up on the rehabilitation of families affected by farmers' suicide, it found that, like other laws, it was not even on their agenda.

"Respectfully Disagree": Congress MP Vs Narayana Murthy On Work-Life Balance

New Delhi. After Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy reignited debates on work-life balance, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi on Wednesday responded and expressed his disagreement to the tech tycoon's statement supporting grinding, relentless work hours--an 'overwork culture.' Gaurav Gogoi countered Narayana Murthy's beliefs of work-life balance as an indulgent myth and highlighted the perspective where the traditional division of labor between men and women in the household is being challenged, in context to work-life balance. Mr Gogoi shared his disagreement with Narayan Murthy's view on work-life balance, who is known for his strong stance on the importance of work-life balance.

Gaurav Gogoi suggested that the concept of a "work-life balance" is not as straightforward or achievable for everyone, especially women. Taking to his official handle on X, Mr Gogoi posted, "I

also disagree with the view of Narayana Murthy on work-life balance. After all what is life but looking after your children, cooking for them, teaching them, taking care of your elderly parents, being there for your friends in their times of need, making sure that your house in order. The above is just as much a man's job as it is a women's."

Mr Gogoi describes life not only in terms of professional work but also as a combination of various personal responsibilities--raising children, caring for elderly parents, managing the household, and supporting friends. This paints a picture of life as a balancing act between multiple roles, all of which are demanding and require time and energy. Mr Gogoi points to an egalitarian view where both men and women share the burden of maintaining



the household and raising children. His post further read, "Traditionally working women don't even have the choice to cut away life from work. It is a luxury that traditionally men have and one that they have to forego in the modern world." Mr Gogoi suggests that in the modern world, men no longer have the same luxury of "cutting away life from work," implying that both men and women are now

required to manage work and life responsibilities more equally, and that the concept of work-life balance is a challenge for everyone, not just women. Mr Gogoi calls for a more equitable sharing of all roles within the family and workplace. His response comes after a user on X shared an open letter to Narayana Murthy, respectfully disagreeing with his opinion on work life balance.

"I respectfully disagree with you sir on work life balance. Employees are not slaves. Working longer hours doesn't mean better productivity. Several countries have switched to a 4 day work week and are doing better. Women don't have the luxury of working 70/80 hours a week either," shared the user on X with an attachment of the letter. Narayana Murthy at the CNBC Global Leadership Summit championed a 70-hour workweek as essential for India's economic rise.

BJP forms committees to strategise on Delhi assembly election campaign

With the upcoming election, the saffron party is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to win.

NEW DELHI. Ahead of the Delhi assembly elections scheduled for February 2025, the Delhi BJP has set up 47 committees, comprising former and current leaders, sitting MPs, and former ministers, to shape the party's election campaign. The committees will focus on key areas, including manifesto preparation, outreach to women, youth, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Poorvanchalis, and beneficiaries of central government schemes. The BJP, which has not been in power in Delhi since 1998, faces a tough challenge after consecutive defeats to Congress in 1998, 2003, and 2008, and to AAP in 2015 and 2020. With the upcoming election, the saffron party is leaving no stone



turned in its efforts to win. In mid-November, the BJP formed its Election Steering Committee, which includes prominent members like Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, Union minister Harshdeep Malhotra, BJP national general secretary Dushyant Gautam, MPs Manoj Tiwari, Arvinder Singh Lovely, Kailash Gahlot, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Vijender Gupta, Satish Upadhyay, Yogendra Chandolia, Kamaljeet Shrawat, Bansuri Swaraj, and Praveen Khandelwal. Bajajant Panda, BJP's national vice president, has been appointed as the election in-charge, with Atul Garg, MP from Ghaziabad, serving as co-in-charge. The state unit has also formed a 12-member manifesto committee, headed by former south Delhi MP Ramesh Bidhuri, with members including Dr Harsh Vardhan, Arvinder Singh Lovely, Vijay Goel, Satish Upadhyay, Meenakshi Lekhi, and Pravesh Sahib Singh Verma. Additionally, the party has set up a Parivartan Yatra committee to manage its padyatra, which will commence soon. An 11-member Aarop Patra committee (state chargesheet committee) has been constituted to target the AAP-led Delhi government. The committee, led by Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Delhi assembly Vijender Gupta, includes former MP Ramesh Bidhuri, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, RP Singh, former Delhi mayor Aarti Mehra, LoP in MCD Raja Iqbal Singh, and Kapil Mishra, among others. A senior Delhi BJP leader said, "The BJP is committed to serving the people."

Three of a family stabbed to death in Delhi's Neb Sarai

NEW DELHI. Three members of the same family were stabbed to death at their residence in South Delhi's Neb Sarai area in the early hours of Wednesday. The deceased individuals were identified as Rajesh (55), Komal (47), and their daughter Kavita (23). According to officials, the police rushed to the spot after receiving the information on the incident around 5.30 a.m. Their son found the bodies lying in the house after he returned from a morning walk, preliminary enquiries revealed. The cops have cordoned off the entire area and the forensic teams are scanning the crime scene. Meanwhile, strongly reacting over the incident former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal once slammed



the BJP-ruled central government over the deteriorating law and order situation. "Three murders in the same house in Neb Sarai... This is extremely painful and frightening. Every day Delhiites wake up to such frightening news" Kejriwal posted on X.

"Homes are being destroyed, innocent lives are being lost. Those who are responsible are silently watching it happen. Will the Central government keep quiet and watch the law and order situation in Delhi collapse? Will his party still say that crime is not an issue in Delhi?," the AAP convener questioned. He also alleged that the criminals have been given a free hand in the city.

Security remains 'unsatisfactory' at Delhi hospitals: AIIMS RDA chief

NEW DELHI. Months after junior doctors across the country went on strike following the brutal rape and murder of a female colleague in Kolkata, security measures at Delhi's government hospitals remain inadequate. The tragic incident sparked nationwide outrage and calls for a central law to protect healthcare workers, alongside demands for better security, workplace conditions, and swift legal action against those who harm medical professionals.

In Delhi, the Resident Doctors Associations (RDAs) of seven government hospitals led the protests. However, despite several promises from authorities, doctors continue to express dissatisfaction with the progress made. "The improvement in security measures is far from satisfactory, even after four months," said Dr Rajat Sharma, president of the RDA at Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital. Recent incidents highlight the risks healthcare workers still face. At Safdarjung Hospital, an IPS officer verbally assaulted a resident doctor, while at GTB Hospital, a crowd barged into the duty room and threatened to kill a medical intern.

"Just a few days ago, the administration fast-tracked a proposal to enhance security measures, but only after repeated reminders. This reflects their lack of seriousness in addressing workplace violence," Dr. Sharma added.

Dr Sarada Prasad Sahoo, president of the RDA at Lady Hardinge Medical College, echoed similar concerns. While there has been a slight increase in the number of security guards, key demands, such as the deployment of marshals or bouncers in high-risk areas, remain unmet, said Sahoo. "Merely increasing guards isn't enough. We have consistently asked for marshals, CCTV cameras, well-lit corridors, and female security staff for women doctors. Yet, the authorities' standard response is, 'the file is in process,'" the doctor added. Doctors continue to call for decisive action to ensure their protection, emphasizing that their ability to save lives depends on working in a safe and secure environment.

In an interview with Dr. Indra Shekhar Prasad, president of the RDA at the AIIMS Hospital, Ashish Srivastava discusses the most pressing issue and possible solutions. Excerpts.

Delhi government orders five-year CAG audit of women's university accounts

NEW DELHI. The Delhi Government has decided to conduct a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) audit of the accounts of the Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) for five years, a statement issued by the chief minister's office said on Tuesday. Chief Minister Atishi has approved the audit to ensure financial accountability and transparency, the statement added.

Atishi said this decision will ensure transparency and accountability in the financial affairs of IGDTUW. "Through the audit, any irregularities or financial mismanagement will be identified and addressed," she added. The CM emphasised that improving the quality of education and ensuring efficient financial management are top priorities for the AAP government. "The CAG audit will guarantee that taxpayers' money is utilised



appropriately and effectively," she added. The chief minister also noted that the audit will ensure a thorough examination of all financial transactions and expenditures of the university. "This process will not only help curb financial mismanagement but also introduce greater transparency across the system. The CAG audit will promote administrative transparency," she said. IGDTUW is an independent government engineering college in the national capital with Delhi L-G

VK Saxena serving as its chancellor.

Last week, Saxena wrote to Atishi over Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports pending tabling in the Delhi Assembly, and called it unfortunate. The L-G said he had raised this issue with her predecessor, Arvind Kejriwal on several occasions and flagged the gross Constitutional "impropriety" of the government in this regard. He also reminded the Delhi CM that the office of CAG has sent several reminders to my office requesting urgent action in this regard.

Improving quality of education top priority: Atishi

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Man shot dead following dispute in Mangolpuri, Kejriwal calls out cops

The probe revealed that Pankaj was gunned down in front of his nephew when the three assailants began firing indiscriminately towards the duo. The nephew ran but Pankaj succumbed to his injuries.

NEW DELHI. A 19-year-old man was shot dead in the wee hours of Tuesday in the Mangolpuri area by three men who fired at least half a dozen bullets at him. The deceased, identified as Pankaj was a resident of X block in Mangolpuri and worked at a garment factory. DCP (Outer district) Sachin Sharma said they received information regarding a man being brought dead at a hospital following which a police team reached the hospital and enquired about the incident.

The probe revealed that Pankaj was gunned down in front of his nephew when the three assailants began firing indiscriminately towards the duo. The nephew ran but Pankaj succumbed to his injuries. Based on the nephew's statement, the police registered a case of murder against the accused. "The accused have been identified. Multiple teams are working to



nab the accused. Suspicious persons are being rounded up to know about the whereabouts of the accused," the DCP said. Former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal criticised the Delhi Police for deteriorating law and order situation in the capital. "Last night, a man was shot dead in Mangolpuri. Day before yesterday three murders happened in Delhi. Delhiites must raise their

voice against crime. The important thing is the safety of yourself and your family," he wrote on X. On Tuesday, the AAP chief met the grieving family of Manish, a young man who was brutally murdered by two boys in Shalimar Bagh area. "The situation has spiraled out of control—people are afraid to step out of their homes after sunset," he said, vowing to stand with Delhiites and fight for their safety.

Kejriwal expressed serious concerns over the way the police is handling the case. "A major concern is that eyewitness Himanshu's official statement has not been taken and that the statement recorded in Himanshu's name is false. This clearly indicates that the police are trying to protect the culprits. It raises questions about whether the police are working under some external pressure or orders from higher authorities."

'No effective action': NGT pulls up officials for failing to restore ponds

The NGT noted that of the six ponds in dispute, five are under DDA's control and one is managed by DSIIDC.



NEW DELHI. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has summoned key officials, including the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) Vice-Chairman, the District Magistrate of West Delhi, and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Managing Director over their failure to restore ponds in the national capital. A bench led by Justice Sudhir Agarwal expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of progress, stating that "no effective action has been taken" and no evidence was

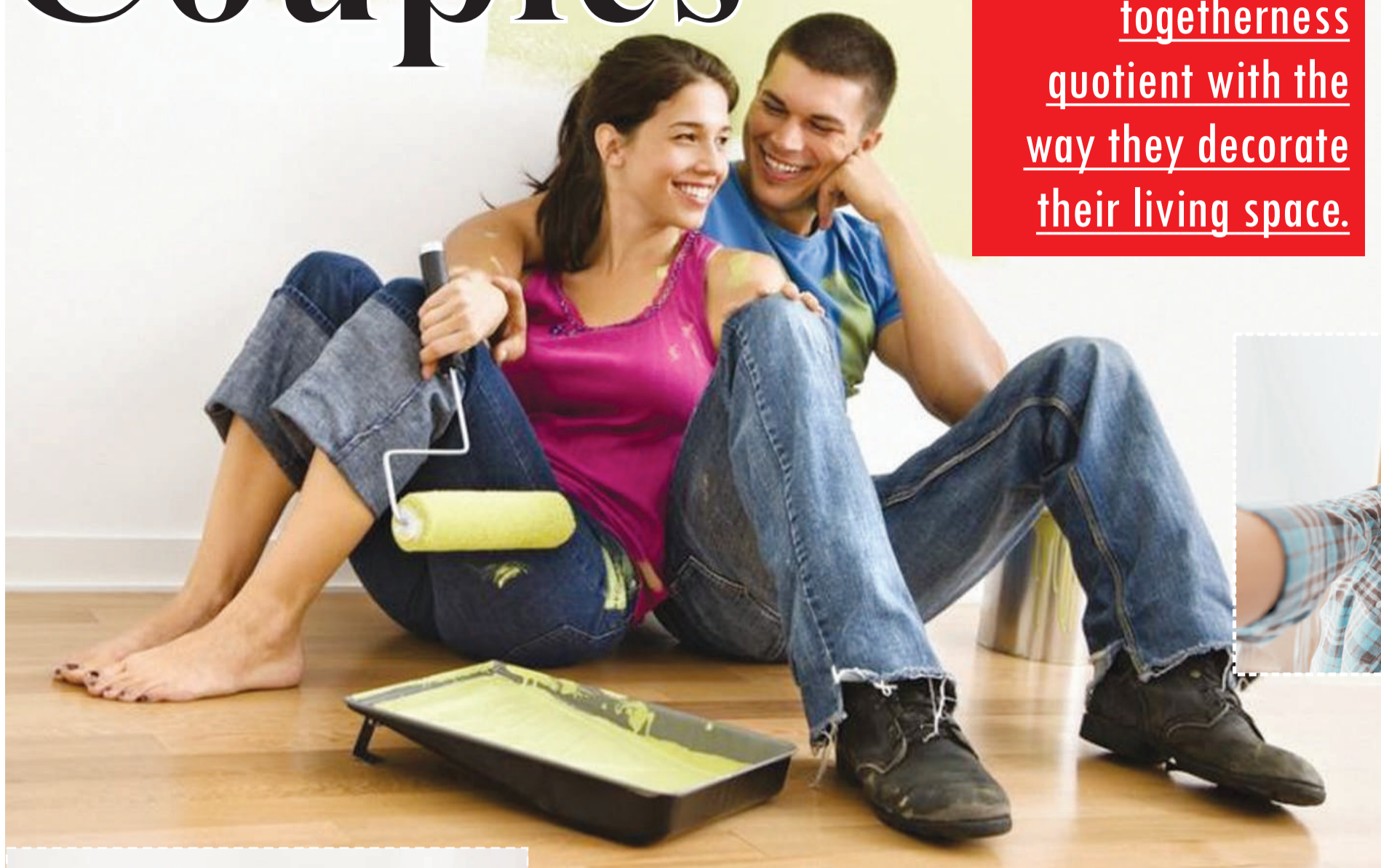
provided to demonstrate steps toward restoring the ponds to their original state. The bench, which also includes expert member Afroz Ahmad, emphasised that the DM, as Chairperson of the District Wetland Committee under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, is responsible for preventing damage, encroachment, or degradation of water bodies. The NGT noted that of the six ponds in dispute, five are under

DDA's control and one is managed by DSIIDC. Despite assurances from DDA's counsel on October 25, that restoration efforts were underway and substantial progress would be achieved in a month, no compliance report has been submitted. The tribunal criticised the lack of detailed information, stating, "We find no option... but to direct personal appearance of V-C, DDA, District Magistrate, West Delhi, and Managing

Director, DSIIDC before tribunal on the next date." The matter is scheduled for a hearing on December 13, with the NGT directing the authorities to present the current status and steps taken to restore the ponds. The case originated in May 2022 from a letter petition alleging the illegal filling of ponds and their conversion for other purposes, including road construction. The ponds in question include Shangushar, Guga, Johdi, Guhli, and the historic Shishuwala Talab. The NGT had ordered a joint committee of the Central Ground Water Authority, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, and District Commissioner, West Delhi, to report on the issue.

Encroachments persist The NGT noted that of the six ponds in dispute, five are under DDA's control and one is managed by DSIIDC. Despite earlier directives, the applicant claimed in a November 7 submission that encroachments persist, with BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd allegedly constructing a fenced.

5 Decor secrets of happy Couples



Married couples and live-in partners can increase their togetherness quotient with the way they decorate their living space.

softer, and creates a cosy ambience. White light is too harsh and unromantic, so go for dim yellow lights in your bedroom." Says interior designer Raseel Gujral, "Do fun things with your bedroom that raises the romance quotient."

A fun corner to play

Delhi-based couple Rakesh and Tanya Sehgal play table tennis on their dining table. "It's a great way to let out stress. Every couple needs to have a game corner. It's a great way to laugh and bust stress in your relationship." Says marriage counsellor Gitanjali Sharma, "You could be doing anything... practising yoga as a couple, playing chess or cards; these activities are a great way to spend time together."

Be creative with space

Whether decorative or functional, be specific with the utilisation of space in your house. Place ashtrays close to where your spouse likes to unwind, keep the keys on a table at the entrance, for instance. Try to keep the objects that you like within eye view. Says Sharma, "Most couples fight over small things in the kitchen or in the wardrobe; try to systematically place objects of everyday use."

Have a garden spot



A great outdoor spot with flowers and greenery is pure therapy. Says interior design expert Sanvari Alagh Nair, "Floral plants bring freshness to your home." Meera Patel, 35, marketing professional, says, "I think it's essential for a couple to surround themselves with herbs and vibrant flowers around the house. If they spend time in a mini garden together, they will bond deeply."

This season is perfect for growing phlox, helichrysum, gazania, salvia, cineraria and verben. These winter flowers will come to full bloom in your homes. You can also have small chairs where you can relax after a hectic day."

Don'ts

Don't fight over that lamp, mug or rug Don't remove or move any furniture without asking your partner Ask your partner specifically what colours or prints they like before doing anything drastic Try to keep away from bronze sculptures of leopards, cheetahs or anything too flashy and over the top Don't over-decorate your room, it's distracting and unnerving Your home is not a museum, try not to keep anything you can't touch



He likes clutter. She wants simplicity combined with luxury. So, how does a modern couple create a space for a happy marriage?

After the wedding, a couple should do up the decor of their home reflecting their combined tastes. For instance, they should display small takeaways from their travels in their living room. Don't let your

home have furniture that's designated as 'his' or 'hers' or 'yours' or 'mine'. In her book, Luxurious Minimalism, author Karen Howes writes, newlyweds can find ways to combine their two styles. "Strong-willed couples should learn to make room for the other's visual style." Here are some home decor solutions for couples:

Get a cosy coffee table for two

It's a place where you begin your day, discuss your goals and dreams. And it's a place where you come to have your evening coffee after a tiring day. Make sure the coffee table is big

enough for both of you to put your feet up. Says Jonathan Adler, home furnishings designer and author of the book, 100 Ways to Happy Chic Your Life, "A coffee table is more than just a piece of furniture, it's a place where intimate, everyday emotional bonding takes place." Furniture designer Chandini Nath Israni agrees, "A coffee table has emotional appeal for a couple, it can be the centrepiece of their lives."

Dim that light

Get a romantic look by using lighting that gives a soft glow to the bedroom through overhead lights and table lamps. Adds Israni, "Warm lighting makes the other person look

Add magic to your home decor



Bring in the change in your decor.

Proper lighting: Lighting can make or break a room: Mood lighting is very essential part of decor. Invest in a nice table lamp. Even hanging lamps will add much magic to your room.

A little bit of greenery: The sure shot way to add life to your room is to have an element of greenery in the room. Having plants in a room also has a soothing effect on one's mind. You can also have fresh flowers in the

vase. The fragrance of jasmine in a room really uplifts the soul. In your kitchen, add a small herb garden to your windowsill to add life to the room. Plus, they taste great!

Framed memories: Photographs are wonderful ways to add warmth and a sense of vibrancy to your home decor. Photographs that recall fond memories also can give a personal touch to your home. It brings in loads of happy memories. If you have old family photographs, then have these framed and hang them on the wall. Choose your frames carefully. A frame adds much life to photographs.

Fabric magic: Fabric is an easy and inexpensive way to combine all the elements of your room. Break in the monotony and play with your imagination. Think beyond only the ready-made fabric. Have fun by combining patterns, styles and different textures of fabric in accessories and furniture.

Bring a glow to your life with LEDs

People are also installing the power-saving lamp in their homes. Let's take a look at a few other stylish and interesting ways in which one can use the LEDs...

LIGHT UP STAIRWAYS

Using stairways as an optimal storage space is the in thing now. The latest trend is to install in-built racks under each stair in the house. How about lighting up the stairways in LEDs to throw some bright light? 3LED spotlights can light up the storage space enough to help you find whatever you are looking for.

JEWELLERY LED

Bracelets, neckpieces, rings and anklets are some options that you can gift your girl friend.

CLOCKS

Watches with radium dials and fluorescent watches have always been available. Now, time pieces that have LEDs to emit light are also flooding the market.

DRESSES

Katy Perry impressed everyone with her lights-embedded dress a few years ago.

Now, you can flaunt LED dresses in style, too.

PARTY SUPPLIES LED

sticks, showlights and other party supplies like sunglasses, hats and magic wand can up the fun quotient in your bash.

ACCESSORIES

Having LEDs embossed in bags, clutches and purses can be a good option. Especially if you are out late in the night and need to desperately fish into your bag for cash and

The civic authorities across the country have taken PM Narendra Modi's 'Prakash Path' campaign seriously and are replacing High Pressure Sodium Vapour Lamps on the streets with LED ones.



converts electricity into light. These are extremely efficient and use almost 80% less energy than other forms of light sources, like halogen, sodium vapour or incandescent bulb.

BENEFITS OF LED

Lamps consume less power and energy compared to other conventional forms of lighting. Since the power conception is less, it translates to lesser amounts in electricity page. These can significantly reduce global warming because reportedly, only less than 70% of power consumed converts into heat and escapes into the atmosphere, unlike a sodium vapour lamp that emits more than 80%. These are resistant to

FLASHY INTERIORS

Feel like throwing a house party and want to give a makeover to your home? A line of colourful LEDs will do the trick.

CUSHIONS AND PILLOWS

Glow-in-the-night pillows and cushions in various colours and shapes can add a zing to your bedroom.

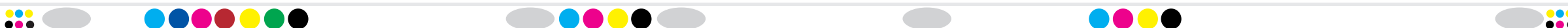
WHAT IS LED

A Light Emitting Diode (LED) is a semi conductor device that

vibrations and temperatures, are free of hazardous materials like mercury and can operate in low DC voltage as well. LED bulbs can reportedly last for up to 100,000 hours. These can be made in any shape and colour.

DRAWBACKS

LEDs are costlier than conventional forms of lighting. These emit only about 80% of luminescence as compared to other forms of lighting. However, that can be altered by adding extra diodes.



NEWS BOX

Ben Stokes lashes out at ICC after England's WTC points docked

New Delhi. England captain Ben Stokes lashed out at the ICC after the team faced deductions in the World Test Championship points. The sanctions were put against New Zealand and England during the 1st Test of the series in Christchurch. Stokes took to his Instagram and shared a post over the same and captioned, "Good on you ICC. Finished the game with 10 hours of play still left." Stokes was unhappy with the deduction in points and highlighted that the match ended well within time.

Both New Zealand and England were fined 15% of their match fee and three points were docked in the World Test Championship standing. These penalties come in at a very critical juncture of the WTC 23-25 cycle as the teams are fighting it out to finish in top two.

England's commanding eight-wicket win at Hagley Oval may have been a showcase of dominance, but it does little to alter their fate in the World Test Championship (WTC), as they are already out of contention for the final. However, the victory dealt a



significant blow to New Zealand's campaign. Ben Stokes' Insta story points deduction has pushed the inaugural WTC champions down from joint fourth to fifth place in the standings, leaving them with a reduced points percentage of 47.92%. Even if New Zealand secures wins in both of their remaining Tests against England, their maximum possible points percentage rises to just 55.36%. This leaves the Black Caps in a precarious position, needing more than just back-to-back victories. They must rely on favorable outcomes in other matches to keep their slim hopes of reaching the final alive, making their path to qualification a daunting one. The penalties arose as both sides were found to be three overs short of the target after accounting for time allowances. Under competition rules, teams are penalized one championship point for each over they fall short. Captains Tom Latham (New Zealand) and Ben Stokes (England) admitted to the offense and accepted the sanctions, negating the need for a formal hearing. The charges were brought by on-field umpires Ahsan Raza and Rod Tucker, with support from third umpire Adrian Holdstock and fourth official Kim Cotton.

6mm grass, rain on Day 1: Adelaide pitch curator talks conditions for 2nd Test

Adelaide. Adelaide Oval's pitch curator Damian Hough has confirmed that the wicket will have an even covering of grass - 6mm to be exact in the 2nd Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Speaking to the press on Wednesday, 4 December, Hough said that the conditions will help the seamers. Asked if the conditions will be overwhelmingly favourable for fast bowlers in Adelaide, Hough said that him and his team were trying to make a balanced wicket where batters, pacers and spinners can impact the Test match. However, the curator added that under certain parameters such as under the lights or overcast conditions, the seamers will get a lot of help from the wicket. Thundershowers are expected on



Day 1 of the Adelaide Test match, with 88 per cent chances of rain predicted on December 6. Hough said that in those days, the ball will swing and seam but it will not be because of the pitch, but due to the conditions on the venue. "History suggests that it is hard to bat under lights in Adelaide. The pitch will have 6mm of grass. We are trying to produce a pitch that would be a good contest. The pitch did not play a part in the Test match finishing in 3 days last time India were here. I thought that it was really good bowling from Australia. As long as there is something in it for all aspects of the game, I am happy, I just want a good contest." Adelaide Oval curator Damian Hough told the press on Wednesday, 4 December. "The ball hooping around has got nothing to do with the pitch. Under right conditions, right weather, the ball will move," he further added. The last time India played in Adelaide, they were bowled out for 36 - their lowest ever Test total in Test cricket. The team go into the Test match this time around with more confidence. India won the first Test match of the series by 295 runs - their biggest win in Australia by the margin of runs.

The team will try to replicate their success from Perth as they hunt for a spot in the final of the World Test Championship.

Probable top-eight sweat it out ahead of day-night challenge

While nothing is certain as of now, it could well be the top eight of India's XI for the second Test against Australia that begins Friday.

New Delhi. With thousands of fans getting a close-in view, India captain Rohit Sharma had two extensive net sessions ahead of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide on Tuesday.

Sharma, who missed the first Test, having hinted at batting in the middle-order to allow Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul remain at the top, did show a lot of resolve while facing the Pink Kookaburra. During the session, Indian team had four nets at the practice arena.

In one such net, Jasirwal and Rahul took turns



to bat while Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli were in the second net. It was the third net where Rohit was clubbed with the inimitable Rishabh Pant while the final net was occupied by Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar. While nothing is certain

as of now, it could well be the top eight of India's XI for the second Test against Australia that begins Friday.

Even as India trained for more than four hours in their attempt to get ready for the day-night challenge, the highlight of the day was fans

getting a close-in view of their heroes in the nets. Just next to the enclosed nets was a viewing area where fans, thousands of them stood in line, to get a glimpse of their sporting stars. As it did in 2018-19, a clipping of Virat Kohli batting with the sound of his bat did the rounds on social media. Meanwhile, Rohit faced a lot of side-arm throwdowns from Nuwan Senewiratne along with usual stuff from the right-arm specialist Raghu Raghavendra and Dayanand Garani. The skipper made a conscious effort to leave deliveries on length but whenever anything short was dug in, he would pull effortlessly.

Bengal fast bowling duo of Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar (reserve pacer) looked impressive during the session. While Mukesh got his deliveries to move in the air creating some sort of a challenge for Virat Kohli, Akash did ask probing questions to Gill, who looked comfortable.

While there are a few questions left to be answered on India's combination for the second game, some of them might get clear when a member of the team/support staff address the media on Wednesday.

Umesh Yadav reacts to Jayden Seales breaking his record of most economical spell

New Delhi India's veteran speedster Umesh Yadav reacted to West Indies fast bowler Jayden Seales, breaking his record of the most economical spell in Test history. Umesh congratulated Seales for his achievement and was elated to witness Test cricket thrive. The West Indies pacer delivered an extraordinary bowling performance in the 2nd Test vs Bangladesh at Kingstown. He bowled the most economical spell in the history of Test cricket by a speedster. Seales bowled 15.5 overs, including 10 maidens, conceding just five runs while claiming four crucial wickets. He economy rate was 0.30, which is the second best in Test history. "Congrats to Jayden Seales on an amazing performance - 4 wickets with an economy of 0.31! You've broken my record, and I couldn't be happier to see Test cricket thriving with such talent. The purest form of the game tests skill, patience, and character, and you've shown it all," Umesh tweeted. Earlier, the record was



held by the Indian pacer whose economy rate clocked 0.42 vs South Africa in 2015 Test match. Until Seales' spell, Umesh Yadav's 0.42 (21-16-9-3) was the best - both among pacers and among any bowler since that Nadkarni spell. Apart from Umesh, the only other 21st-century entry in the top ten is Nathan Lyon's 0.45, set across his 22-17-10-0. Umesh Yadav's tweet Seales scripted his name into the record books by delivering the

most economical spell since 1977.

Operating at an incredible economy rate of 0.31, the right-arm pacer did not concede a single boundary. Only six bowlers in Test history (with at least 60 deliveries bowled) have managed a better economy rate than Seales. His wickets included key dismissals of Litton Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed, and Nahid Rana.

Bangladesh script history

Seales economical spell helped West

Indies bundle Bangladesh out for 164 runs in 1st innings. However, this did not prove to be enough. Bangladesh secured a historic victory in the Caribbean, defeating the West Indies by 101 runs at Sabina Park to draw the Test series. This marked their first Test win in the West Indies in 15 years. Set a challenging target of 287, the West Indies fell short, all out for 185 in less than two sessions.

We don't talk anymore: Harbhajan Singh's shocking remark on equation with Dhoni

New Delhi Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh said him and MS Dhoni do not talk to each other. Speaking to News18, Harbhajan has revealed that while he does not have a problem with MS Dhoni, him and the former India captain are not friends anymore.

Harbhajan and MS Dhoni were integral parts of the Indian team that won the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup. While Dhoni captain the team in both editions and was the team's brains, Harbhajan shined with 7 and 9 wickets in respective tournaments. The spinner revealed that he and MS Dhoni did not speak outside the field during their years at the Chennai Super Kings as well. Harbhajan played for the Chennai-based franchise between 2018-2020. He further added that he only rings those people who pick up his calls. "No, I don't speak to Dhoni. When I was playing at CSK, that's when we spoke, but otherwise,



we haven't spoken. It's been 10 years and more. I have no reason; perhaps he does. I don't know what the reasons are. When we were playing in the IPL at CSK, that's when we used to talk, and that, too, was restricted to the ground. After that, he did not come to my room, nor did I go to his," Harbhajan Singh told News18. "I don't have anything against him. If he has something to say, he can tell me. But if he did, he would have told me by now. I never tried to call him because I have a lot of passion. I only ring up those

Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh has said that he does not talk to MS Dhoni. In a shocking claim, Harbhajan has said that friendship is a two-way street, and he only rings up people who pick up his calls.

who pick up my calls. I don't have the time otherwise. I stay in touch with the ones I am friends with. A relationship is always about give and take. If I respect you, I hope you will respect me back. Or you respond to me. But if I call you once or twice but don't get a response, I will probably only meet you as much as I am needed to," the spinner added. The last time Harbhajan and Dhoni represented India together was in 2015 - in an ODI against South Africa. After the 2015 World Cup, Harbhajan and Yuvraj Singh were sidelined from Indian team. While Harbhajan did not play after 2015, he announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2021.



and displace Dhruv Jurel from the playing XI. KL Rahul has batted in a total of 5 positions for India in Test cricket. Apart from the 2 opening slots, Rahul has batted at No. 3, No. 4, and No. 6 as well. "I just want to be in the playing XI, go out there and bat and play for the team. I just go there and try and see what I need to do to get runs in a particular situation. Luckily I have batted in different positions. Early on, when I was asked to bat at different positions, it was a bit of a challenge mentally. How to play those first 20-25 balls? how early can I attack? Those things were a problem earlier, but it has gotten easy with the experience of playing in different formats," KL Rahul said. The right-hander batted brilliantly in the second innings of the Perth Test match alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, where they notched up a partnership of 200+ runs, the first by any Indian opening pair. Rahul said that he was told by the Indian team management that he might open in the Perth Test match quite early.

WI vs BAN: Taijul stars as Bangladesh draw series with 101-run win in 2nd Test

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this match brought them level in the short series.

Taijul Islam was the star performer for Bangladesh, taking 5-50 in the West Indies' second innings. It was his best overseas bowling performance in 2 1/2 years and his best figures in the West Indies since his Test debut in 2014. With the pitch offering grip and occasional low bounce, Taijul's spin caused the West Indies' collapse, with the last six wickets falling for just 42 runs. Taijul Islam was the star performer for Bangladesh, taking 5-50 in the West Indies' second innings. It was his best overseas bowling performance in 2 1/2 years and his best figures in the West Indies since his Test debut in 2014. With the pitch offering grip and occasional low bounce, Taijul's spin caused the West Indies' collapse, with the last six wickets falling for just 42 runs. In Bangladesh's second innings, Jaker Ali played a crucial role, scoring a career-best



91. His innings included five sixes and eight boundaries, and he was the last man out just before lunch, giving West Indies a challenging target. Jaker's aggressive batting ensured Bangladesh's total was competitive, despite a lower-order collapse.

West Indies' Struggle in the Chase West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite led a positive start to the chase but could not form a lasting partnership. He was dismissed for 43, and the team struggled to build

momentum. Mikyle Louis and Keacy Carty fell to Taijul and Taskin Ahmed, and Brathwaite's departure further hindered the chase. Kavem Hodge, who scored a half-century, tried to keep the West Indies in the game, but once he fell for 55, the rest of the team quickly followed. Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, and Nahid Rana joined Taijul in dismantling the West Indies' lower order. Taijul's brilliant spell earned him his 15th career five-wicket haul, trapping Joshua Da Silva to seal the victory for Bangladesh. The West Indies' chase began with promise, but they failed to maintain consistency. Brathwaite's 43 and Hodge's 55 were the highlights, but they were unable to sustain the required partnerships. Bangladesh's bowlers, particularly Taijul, exploited the conditions expertly, and the West Indies were bowled out for 185, falling 101 runs short.



Tamannaah Bhatia

Discusses Beauty Standards; Recalls Fan's Reaction Post Kaavaalaa: 'You Were So Big And Fat...'



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, who was recently seen in Neeraj Pandey's heist thriller *Sikandar Ka Muqaddar*, has been busy promoting her film. The actress recently opened up about unrealistic beauty standards for women, and how she used to earlier put a lot of pressure on herself to look a certain way. She also recalled that post her song *Kaavaalaa* (Jailer song), a lady came up to her at a party and thanked her for making curvy women feel accepted. Speaking with Instant Bollywood, Tamannaah Bhatia said, "I grew up myself on the idea of unrealistic beauty standards for women. So I had that kind of a childhood and upbringing where I felt being skinny was being fit. Growing up while being a part of the movies, I put a lot of pressure on myself to look a certain way. There came a time when I figured it only served a certain utility, but it didn't actually make me feel beautiful. Times that I actually started to feel good about myself had rarely anything to do with how thin I was. I somewhere feel like maybe *Aaj Ki Raat* helped me accept my body."

She then recalled the incident when a fan walked up to her and thanked her for representing curvy women. "When *Kawala* came out, one lady walk up to me at a party and said, 'Thank you! Because of you, us curvy women feel accepted. You were so big and fat and yet you were enjoying.' For the first time I registered that according to this lady, I was fat. I didn't completely understand that till I didn't hear it from a person. I thought it was normal. I thought that was beautiful. That was my understanding. But I understand that today everyone has a phone, everyone has a camera, everyone is posting pictures on Instagram. So, everyone has this pressure. Early on, I was an actor it was a part of my job. I had to look at my body. But today every young girl is doing that," said the actress. She said that now that she is in a position of power, and has agency, she wants to emphasize that beauty has nothing to do with how thin or how fair one is. She then recalled a time when she was dressed to the nines, yet she hated herself because she was uncomfortable and couldn't breathe. It didn't make her feel beautiful. "But I felt beautiful sometimes when I was naturally dressed, sometimes without my makeup or hair done. So beauty has literally nothing to do with all those standards," said Tamannaah.

Paparazzo Holds Sherlyn Chopra's Hand As She Struggles To Walk In High Heels



Sherlyn Chopra and her paparazzi appearance – a love affair that needs no introduction. Often stealing the limelight with her candid conversations with the shutterbugs and head-turning looks, the model and actress dishes out fashion goals with her casual outings. This time around, she decided to take it a notch higher, slipping into a saree as paps captured her in a video. The clip has now surfaced on social media as it shows Sherlyn struggling while trying to walk in high heels. In a kind gesture, one of the paps stationed there extended his helping hand but the struggle was real. The clip opens with a photographer holding Sherlyn Chopra's hands as she tries to step out of a building, wearing a bright yellow saree and high heels. Struggling to walk through the corridor assuming that she may fall, Sherlyn is visibly scared in the clip. Despite the help, she finds it difficult to take a step forward and stops to drink water instead. As the video progresses, another man joins in, holding her another hand but the attempts fail miserably. At the end of the clip, she is seen posing from inside the building and also showcases her beige high heels.

Days before her candid appearance, Sherlyn Chopra sat down for an interview with *Bollywood Bubble*, revealing the illness she has been battling since 2021. The actress shared that she has an autoimmune disorder called Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) which led to her kidney failure in 2021. Her doctor advised her to keep this health disorder under control through medication, as she revealed during the discussion. Sherlyn said, "I take it three times a day, morning, afternoon and evening. They also advised that I should never contemplate getting pregnant because it could be life-threatening for both the baby and the mother".

Despite the illness, Sherlyn Chopra holds a strong desire to be a mother as she added, "I think I was born to be a mother because whenever I think about children, I feel an indescribable happiness. Even before they arrive, I'm so happy. Just imagine how much joy I'll feel after they're here." Sherlyn Chopra made headlines in 2012 as she became the first Indian woman to pose for *Playboy* magazine. Later, she began her career in Bollywood with films like *Time Pass* (2005), *Dosti: Friends Forever* (2005) and *Raqeeb* (2007). She also entered the *Bigg Boss* Season 3 in 2009.

Taapsee Pannu Shares How Marketing Lesson By Shah Rukh Khan Changed Her Mindset: 'Billboards Were Used...'



Taapsee Pannu is one of the most versatile actresses in the industry. She has worked with many established actors and has also given hits at the box office. Recently, she shared a valuable marketing lesson she learned from Shah Rukh Khan and it has also changed her mindset. In a conversation with *Connect Cine*, Taapsee Pannu revealed how Shah Rukh Khan's perspective towards marketing helped her rethink. The *Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba* actress revealed that Shah Rukh Khan likes influencers to advertise and think them as advertising tool akin to hoardings or banners which used to promote films in earlier decades. Taapsee shared what King actor said, "Think about it—10 or 20 years ago, billboards were used to publicize films. Now, these individuals are the new marketing tools. Don't see them as people with responsibility; see them as advertising spaces available for sale."

"It's all about perspective. You see it one way; I see it another. Ultimately, it's up to you which side you choose," she said. Taapsee Pannu and Shah Rukh Khan worked together in *Dunki*. The film garnered immense love from fans and critics alike, with its box office success speaking volumes. The movie also marked the first collaboration between Shah Rukh Khan and Taapsee Pannu. Recently, in an interview, Taapsee reflected on her experience working with the superstar. She lauded his vast knowledge, sharp wit, and undeniable charisma, noting how these qualities make him truly stand out among his peers. Taapsee Pannu has carved a niche for herself in the film industry with acclaimed performances in movies like *Pink*, *Thappad*, and *Hasseen Dillruba*. She was last seen in *Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba*, alongside Vikrant Massey and Sunny Kaushal. Directed by Jayprad Desai, the sequel premiered on Netflix on August 9. Taapsee's next project, *Gandhari*, is already generating buzz. Netflix recently unveiled an introductory teaser for the film, which appears to focus on a mother who takes extreme measures to protect her children when they are in danger.

Pushpa 2 The Rule:

Sreeleela

Sets The Stage Ablaze With Her Performance On Kissik At Pre-Release Event

Pushpa 2: The Rule, starring Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna and Fahadh Faasil is among the most highly anticipated upcoming films. With just two days to go for the film's release, the excitement among fans is sky-high. Last night, the pre-release event of *Pushpa 2* was held in Hyderabad, and visuals from the grand event have gone viral on social media. One such video shows Sreeleela setting the stage on fire with her performance on the film's song *Kissik*. Dancing queen Sreeleela, who has a guest appearance in the *Pushpa 2* song *Kissik*, was seen grooving to the song during the pre-release event. She left her fans mesmerized with her sizzling dance moves. She aced the hook step of the *Kissik* song, while fans cheered for her. She was also seen waving at her fans! Sreeleela looked gorgeous in a white, pink and green striped saree, and left her hair open. Check out the video below!



The foot-tapping number *Kissik* from *Pushpa 2: The Rule* was unveiled by the makers in November. Composed by Devi Sri Prasad, this dance anthem has been sung by Lothika and Sublahshini. Meanwhile, the promotion of *Pushpa 2: The Rule* has been taking place in full swing. Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna and other team members of *Pushpa 2* are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the film is a huge success. The trailer launch of *Pushpa 2* was held in Patna, followed by pre-release events in Chennai, Kochi and Mumbai.

Meanwhile, at the event in Hyderabad, *Pushpa 2* director Sukumar lauded Allu Arjun for his dedication and hardwork, and it left the actor in tears. The filmmaker said, "Pushpa-1 and Pushpa-2 happened because of the love I have for Bunny. Our bond is like an exchange of energy. For even the smallest expression, Bunny puts in incredible effort—whether it's moving an eyelid or delivering a perfect voice modulation. That level of commitment inspires any filmmaker." The grand event was also attended by Rashmika Mandanna and director SS Rajamouli. The film is set to release in theatres on December 5.

